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FROM THE PIONEER PRESS EDITOR

I am about history as well as genealogy and it is my plan to bring both to this publication. I have found over the years that sometimes genealogists and historians do not mix well but you really cannot have one without the other, simply because history establishes genealogy. Nemaha County has a fascinating history as well as very interesting people that helped to establish it. I can assure you that primarily there will always be something in the issues of this publication about this county, however I will not hesitate to include other useful facts about those counties that surround it in this state and in other states too.

Over the years I have collected a lot of research that has been used for the Ancestor Trail column I write as well as the Brown County Genealogy Moments. I have also penned that are used exclusively for KNZA Hiawatha radio broadcasts. It was my Ancestor Trail series on the Forgotten & Remembered Cemeteries of Nemaha County that first brought me to the doorway of the Nemaha County Historical Museum for research. That series began in June 2008 and over the following 3 years when it came to an end with the June 2011 entry, I continued my research relationship with the museum's volunteers.

I enjoy all of the integral parts of publishing. Do not hesitate to let me know what you would like to see more of in this publication. Perhaps you are not comfortable in sending something electronically, and or by e-mail. If that is the case, I will accept anything you might want to mail me at the museum address or to my home at 1022 Ohio Street Sabetha, KS. 66534. The latter is probably best because as a new business owner I cannot always get to Seneca but I go home at the end of everyday.

Thank You!

Greg Newlin

Most People know about census records, but here are some special census records you may want to check:

THE 1885 FEDERAL CENSUS covers the states of Colorado, Florida, Nebraska and the territories of the Dakotas and New Mexico, taking advantage of an opportunity to conduct an interim census partly funded by the federal government.

MORTALITY SCHEDULES FROM 1850 TO 1885. Censuses for these years listed the names of most of those who died during the previous year which is valuable information at a time when few states were recording deaths. Other details usually provided are sex, age, color, whether widowed, place of birth, occupation, month of death and cause of death.

AGRICULTURAL SCHEDULES FROM 1850 TO 1880. If any of your ancestors were farmers, these schedules can tell about their land, livestock and crops. Although they were kept up to 1930, the more recent ones were destroyed by fire or an act of congress.

MANUFACTURING SCHEDULES COVERING 1820 & FROM 1850 TO 1890. As with agricultural schedules, these will not tell you the specifics of your ancestor's lives, but can give you a sense of the business they might have run with details such as the type and number of business products made and the wages of employees. For both agricultural and manufacturing schedules, only farms and businesses above a certain threshold are included.

VETERANS SCHEDULES FROM 1840 TO 1890. The 1840 Federal Census can point you to ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War, while the surviving portion of the 1890 Census of veterans of the Union Army can do the same for Civil War survivors, or their widows.

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2013 Schedule

Feb. 12, 2013 Board Meeting
May 14, 2013 Board Meeting
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June 11, 2013 Annual Meeting

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Highlights of the Nemaha CO. Historical Society Board of Directors Oct. 22, 2013 Reorganizational Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Anita Heiman with the following in attendance in addition to at A. Heiman: Diane Rottinghaus, Alma Ackerman, Raymond Thieme, Greg Newlin, Joyce Olberding & Patty Byers. Motion made by Thieme and seconded by Olberding to approve corrected sponsor letters for 2014 Golf Tourney & Tractor Cruise. Motion was made by Ackerman & seconded by Olberding to approve Financial Report for 1st quarter made by Thieme with an ending balance of \$13,842.16 plus total investments of \$55,000.00. D.A. Rial had taken care of IRS 990 & Form 1128 in addition to KS. Annual Report filing.

Ackerman reported that we currently have 62 lifetime, 42 corporate & 49 individual memberships paid for 2014. Olberding reported that \$675 had been received for the Chris Lauer Memorial. Heiman reported that D.P. Murphy currently conducts research every Wed. & M. Steinlage volunteers every Wed. also. Newlin reported that he had moved another rose bush from museum's front landscape with plans to do another in the future. As reported by J. Olberding, Eldon Olberding is currently keeping lawns mowed.

Under old business, the following 3 fundraisers were approved for 2014: Golf Tourney for June 10, Tractor Cruise for July & Sno-Cone sales at July Car Show. Approved for Nov. 8, 2013, opening of Temple of Honor museum for local school children with A. Heiman presiding. The donations rec'd from Forbes was discussed. A discussion took place on adding a new water line at the Temple of Honor for a restroom.

Ackerman read a report from Bob Ackerman explaining the location of the Priest Howitzer & Cannon being given respectively to the N.C.H.S. by the city of Seneca and Am. Legion. City will donate concrete pad where howitzer will sit with pad for cannon being donated by Harold & Joann Mitchell.

Under new business, a motion was made by Newlin and seconded by Ackerman to extend labor contract for D.

Rottinghaus in the amount of \$8.00 per hour beginning 01/01/14. Byers made a motion & it was seconded by Ackerman to approve the following slate of officers for 2014: A. Heiman, Pres.; G. Newlin, V-Pres.; D.A. Rial, Sec. & R. Thieme, Treas.. A. Heiman approved the following Administrative Staff & Directors: Director D. Rottinghaus; Research - D.P. Murphy; Scrapbook & Obituaries - M. Steinlage; Tech. Support - P. Byers; Publicity & Public Relations - G. Newlin; Pioneer Press Editor - G. Newlin; Landscaping & Lawns - G. Newlin; Travel & Tourism - P. Byers; Curator - Lillian Engelken; Memorials - J. Olberding; Bancroft Depot Museum - Freda Dobbins; Membership - A. Ackerman & Bldg. Maint. Robert Ackerman.

Pres. Heiman asked those in attendance who have museum keys to check them in for identification.

G. Newlin made a motion that was seconded by P. Byers to adjourn and motion was carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Will Be February 11, 2014

IN MEMORY OF



CHRISTOPHER D. LAUER

August 16, 1963 - September 3, 2013

I never met Chris, but from the few e-mails that we exchanged after my first Pioneer Press was published and sent out to the membership, I knew that he was someone that I could admire. In fact, the series on remedies and now in this publication on recipes was encouraged by him.

Thank you Chris
I dedicate this Pioneer Press
to your memory.
Greg Newlin, Editor

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Provided by Corresponding Secretary Darl Ann Rial

Anita Heiman presided over the meeting with 10 board members present. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Quarterly Meeting plus Special and Executive Board meetings on July 15 and July 22, as well as the Called July 29th meeting as submitted. Treasurer Ray Thieme reported a total of \$28,798.45 income & \$37,148.93 expenses for the 3rd quarter of 2014. The Sales and Use Tax Entity Exemption Certificate from KS. Dept. of Revenue has been re-issued with expiration date of 10/10/20.

REPORTS:

Bancroft Depot Museum: Freda Dobbins reported that the Bancroft Depot Museum closed for the season on Sept. 30, 2014. The board tentatively agreed to schedule their summer quarterly meeting at the Bancroft Depot Museum and church.

Tours: Diane Rottinghaus reviewed some of the tours this quarter which have been averaging a tour per week at the museums.

Evening At The Museum: Greg Newlin reported that the "Mourning Etiquette" program given by Joel Meyer and Jill Frese of Manhattan, KS. on Sept. 24th was an excellent presentation but poorly attended. Several suggestions were made for the two Evening At The Museum events to be held in 2015.

Membership: Alma Ackerman reported 180 actual members, 61 life memberships and 52 business memberships for 2014.

Library: Since Mary Steinlage has agreed to continue to collect obituaries, but will retire as librarian, Karen Holthaus was elected as museum librarian.

Mitchell Memorial: Bob Ackerman reported on the Mitchell Family's placement of plaques at the Ordinance Rifle and Priest in memory of Harold Mitchell on Sept. 6, 2014.

Memorials: Joyce Olberding reported that she had ordered two memorial plates for the Temple of Honor recognition board for Jim Koelzer and Lowell Elder.

Maintenance: Bob Ackerman reviewed maintenance, seasonal activities & accomplishments at all four museum buildings.

NEW BUSINESS:

In new business, the board approved plans to continue with the current fundraising schedule with the Golf Classic, the Tractor Cruise and Car Show for 2015. President Heiman appointed the committee of Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus and Richard Schmitz to audit the 2014 financial records. DarlAnn Rial, Greg Newlin and Anita Heiman agreed to serve as nominating committee for 2015.

MEMORIALS

Harold A. "Hod" Mitchell
7/4/1931 - 3/15/2014



Priest Plaque



Mitchell Family



Rifle Plaque

James T. Koelzer

Born at Seneca, KS. May 16, 1950
Died Houston, TX., Sept. 19, 2014

Lowell E. Elder

Born at Oregon, MO., Nov. 23, 1933
Died at Seneca, KS., Aug. 28, 2014

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM By Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot Museum had a successful summer with more visitors than the last couple of years. The Museum will not have regular hours for being open this winter. Please put on your calendars that the museum will reopen Memorial Day weekend 2015 with the normal Sunday hours at that time. If you have visitors who really want to go to the museum this winter, call 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197 to see if a time to take a tour can be arranged.

At least plan a trip this fall to see the foliage and all the outside exhibits on the museum grounds. To get to the museum, take KS. Highway 9 west from Goff to KS. Highway 62. Turn left (south) on 62 and proceed 3 miles to 24th Road, turn left (east) and proceed 3 miles eastward on 24th Road to S Road where you shall find the museum just to the east of the intersection on south side of 24th Road.

A SEPTEMBER EVENING AT THE MUSEUM

It was an enjoyable evening for the presentation on The History of Mourning Etiquette presented by Jill Frese and Joel Meyer of Manhattan, KS. on Wed. evening, Sept. 24 at 7. Fully dressed in Victorian dress of the day, both informed as well as entertained. Although not well attended, anyone who was present would most likely agree that it was a memorable presentation.

A year ago, Jill and Joel gave a divining or witching demonstration to a large group of people gathered at Brown County's Shelton Cemetery at the northwest corner of Goldfinch & 260th Roads. They will be doing another witching event Sat., Oct. 25th at the far northwest corner of the Hiawatha City Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Presently we have plans for another Evening at the Museum program to be held in conjunction with the Annual Business meeting of the N.C.H.S. museum on Tues., Feb. 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The potluck dinner will begin at 5 and the presentation on the American Civil War given by Gena Holthaus will begin at 6. As favorable of a response as we have received from those who have seen our speakers on the local Rainbow station, make your plans now to come to this Evening At The Museum and you will not be disappointed.

KELLYS TO KANSAS 145 YEARS LATER By Gloria Kennett Cathcart

In the Fall of 1859, Agnes Gregg Kelly and 6 of her 11 children arrived in Scotch Valley, Nemaha Twshp, Nemaha CO., KS. Prior to this date, 3 young children had been buried in Catrine, Ayrshire, Scotland. The husband and father of this family had died in Glasgow, just prior to the family boarding the ship to emigrate. The oldest son, John, had come ahead the year before. Sarah, one of the daughters, had stayed behind in Scotland to marry and start a family there. The children coming to Kansas with their mother ranged in age from 6 to 29 years, all single. Sarah and her husband Hugh McAlpine and 5 children did emigrate 11 years later to join the Kelly family.

Again, in the Fall of 2014, but for just a long weekend, the Kellys descended on Nemaha CO.! This time there were 33 ranging in age from 6 to 86 coming from the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska & Kansas, as well as 6 from Alberta, Canada. Arriving as early as Sept. 1, members of this reunion of descendants, were prompted to get here sooner to do some prep research that would make this gathering a memorable time for all on the

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KELLYS TO KANSAS *continued*

weekend of Sept. 5 -7 in Seneca, as well as north-central Nemaha CO. "I was thrilled with the materials I found at the Seneca Free Library and at the Nemaha CO. Court House, including articles from books & microfilmed newspapers, marriage licenses & wills. When all had arrived and had gathered at the Settle Inn, it was a great time for making introductions and generally getting to know one another because after all there were many who did not know more than 2 other cousins when they arrived. At this time, a program for the weekend was made with a map of the area distributed.

On Saturday morning, a caravan of 13 vehicles set out for Scotch Valley Cemetery. The first stop along the way was at the bridge of Turkey Creek, north of Seneca, on Highway 63. This creek is mentioned numerous times in our Kelly family history, so everyone assembled on the bridge deck for a group picture. We were thankful that there was very little traffic and those who did pass by were very courteous and slowed down as the drove by, all the while we wondered what they might have been thinking as to why a group of 30 were standing on this bridge. Not exactly an everyday occurrence!

The next stop, at 10:00 a.m., was at Scotch Valley Cemetery where we were joined by 4 more non-family members, or some people from the area who have become very special to our Kelly family. This cemetery is nestled in the corner of a soybean field located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 216 St. & J Rd. in Nemaha Twp. Upon arrival here, our attentions were immediately directed toward the grave of the singular common ancestor, Agnes (Gregg) Kelly. Her gravestone had just been installed in April 2013. Following the time spent at her graveside, color coded binders were distributed indicating the lineage...red for descendants of Agnes & Alexander Kelly's son John, blue for the descendants of Sarah and black for the descendants of James. Using the binder containing a plot map and a recording chart everyone set out to make personal notations from the gravestone information. Even the 2 children in the group had their own activity set up for them so that they could also be a part of the documenting process. The first burial, that of John Baird, took place in 1872. On the gravestone for Baird is listed his son Hugh who died in 1858. There was no cemetery when 4 year-old Hugh died so he was actually buried along the banks of the Nemaha River and is remembered on his parent's stone.

Although I have certainly been met by hosts of grasshoppers, I have never seen what I would call an abandoned cemetery. The grass was trimmed, there were no unsightly weeds, and although there were a few stones needing repairs, it was far from unsightly. I understand that our thanks for this goes to Bob & Marlene Griffith, farm neighbors to the cemetery, who through recent years have so faithfully tended to the cemetery grounds. This cemetery by no means is abandoned as even the grass along the shoulders of the road was neatly trimmed. There were supposedly a total of 52 burials that took place at this cemetery. Most of these were marked with a gravestone. Of the 7 without a marker, all were infants, while all of the 16 other burials with gravestones are also small children and infants. Five burials here have taken place since 1930.

Not including this time, I have had the privilege of visiting this cemetery on two other separate occasions in 2004 and 2013 since I began searching for my ancestors in 2003. Three of my great, great grandparents, Agnes (Gregg) Kelly & John & Agnes (Hay) Baird, as well as 7 great, great aunts and uncles, a great aunt and numerous cousins were buried here. At last count 39 of the 52 burials can be connected to my family in one way or another.

Thanks to the combined efforts of a group of cousins, repairs had been made a few years ago to the top section of the gravestone for Great, Great Grandparents John & Agnes (Hay) Baird, with the repair of the stone for the grand-daughter of Agnes Kelly having been done last Sept. We all left the Scotch Valley Cemetery with a much better understanding of our Kansas heritage. Our admiration and respect as well as our thanks go out to those who have cared for this very special little cemetery throughout the years.

Editors Note: Gloria Cathcart has written a great deal about this reunion and their experiences. I have taken the liberty to combine two separate entries and give the highlights of both.

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WOMAN, WHO HID DEAD MOTHER 2 ¼ YEARS, IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Taken from the July 20, 1937 Topeka Daily Capital

Mrs. Myrtle Lattimer of Seneca, who secreted the body of her mother in her home two and one-half years while she continued to cash her mother's pension checks, was brought to Topeka yesterday by a deputy United States Marshal from Nebraska to face a charge of violating her parole.

She recently was arrested near Falls City, Neb., in connection with a scheme of collecting money for the sale of silk hosiery without delivering the hose. When it was learned she had received a five-years suspended sentence on an old charge of defrauding the government by cashing her dead mother's pension checks she was brought to Topeka. She had served two years in the government women's prison at Anderson, W. Va., on another count.

When Mrs Lattimer was arrested in July 1934, the dismembered body of her mother was found in a shed at the rear of her home. She admitted her mother, Mrs. Marietta Bishop, had been dead two and one-half years and she had been receiving and cashing her mother's \$40 pension checks.

At first she experienced no trouble in cashing the checks. Then one bank suspected the mother was no longer living. It refused to cash any more checks. Mrs. Lattimer solved the problem by cashing them at another bank.

A new postmaster, W. L. Kauffman, refused to deliver the pension letter until he was assured Mrs. Bishop was living. A postal clerk asked to see Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Lattimer informed him the mother was taking a bath. The clerk replied the check would be delivered if a woman he had brought with him could see Mrs. Bishop. Again Mrs. Lattimer refused.

The sheriff was called but could not even find Mrs. Lattimer. She returned a day later, however and was placed under arrest.

Mrs. Lattimer said her 90 year-old mother, a Civil War veteran's widow had died a natural death and that she left the body in the bed about six months, then started to dismember it and burn it because the mother had asked that her body be cremated. This method of disposal not being successful, she put the remains in a trunk and put the trunk in the shed. There officers found it.

Mrs. Lattimer, who gave her age as 73, had to be helped to the women's ward on the second floor of the city jail.

Supplied by Research Staff of B.C.G.S.

HISTORY OF THE SABETHA LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Written in 1976 by Wilma Ackerman

and supplied to the Pioneer Press by the Albany Historical Museum

Thirty years in the livestock auction business in Sabetha were to leave a colorful memory of W.R. Bauman with his family, friends and customers. His booming voice always hit a high note when the markets got rough! He never used a microphone, he never needed one as he told it as it was, in his auction ring.

W.R. and Edwin Bauman established the Sabetha Livestock Auction west of the hospital and the Bockenstette Blue Ribbon Hatchery on a hill overlooking Sabetha to the east. The Bauman Brothers had previously been associated with the downtown sale barn. Construction of the new sale barn facility had taken only six weeks, when the first sale was held on October 18, 1947. Herman Hess was the carpenter on the project, and Louis Moser laid the cement blocks. The sale arena was patterned after that of the Clay Center, Kansas sale barn. The office and lunch room are located in the front section of the building. The lunch room was to feature Ollie and Mae Bauman's (Mrs. W.R. & Mrs. Edwin) homemade pies for many years on sale day.

The Sabetha Herald article of October 1947 stated that the Bauman Sale Barn was not completed, but facilities were in good shape for the sale. A good sized crowd attended, parking cars in front of the barn on a plot covered in crushed rock. The sale ring in the barn is surrounded by adequate seating capacity that was nearly filled. Immediately north of the barn and adjoining it are extensive livestock pens for handling a large number of animals of all kinds. The north fence of these pens has been boarded solid as a protection against the cold of wintertime.

Another article in that same Sabetha Herald tells of the 4-H steers selling on that

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ARCHITECTURE** Mary Cotton house - Sabetha, Kansas



Drawing by Jack F. Abshier

This Queen Anne style home built in the middle of the 200 block on South Washington Ave. between Virginia St. on the north and Ohio St. on the south faced the city's park. The peak period of the Queen Anne style was 1880 to 1900, although the style persisted in use for another decade. The style was named and popularized in England by the architect Richard Norman Shaw (1831-1912). Although the Cotton house is really not up to the full Queen Anne style, it was constructed entirely of wood, had the typical round second-floor tower, steep pitched roofs, ornate gables and windows. Most Americans first saw this style characterized by the above plus the use of wood and stone at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1875 where the British government built several display houses.

Mary McKee Cotton was born in Ohio in either 1842 or 1843 and married Jackson Cotton in 1871. They came to the village of Sabetha in 1881 and both became identified with the incorporation of the Citizens State Bank in 1886. As the bank president, Jackson died in Jan. 1897 and Mary took over his place at the helm until July 1911. Although a member of the First Congregational Church, she was well known throughout the community for her liberal contributions to the other local denominations. An avid reader herself, she had accumulated a large personal library from which she would gladly allow all who enjoyed reading to borrow from. When Mary Cotton died in 1912, she bequeathed her fine home, her large and valuable collection of books and about \$3,000.00 to the city of Sabetha for the purpose of establishing a public library. Later in her life, companion and caretaker Miss Vina Newman had become the first librarian and helped sell the idea for an actual public library built and still standing in that park across the street from where the Cotton house once stood.

Jack Francis Abshier was born in Chicago, IL. Jan. 16, 1914 to parents Lambat & Lyda Doggett Abshier. They moved to Horatio, AR. soon after Jack was born, then later when 10 years-old they moved to Kansas City, MO., where he received his schooling and then later his artist training at the Kansas City Art Institute.

In addition to having been employed as an artist for the Kansas City Star and Times for many years, he served in many business organizations in the Kansas City community. He married Mamie E. Baumgartner of Bern, KS., Apr. 30, 1941. He died June 20, 1989 in Kansas City, MO. and was buried at the Bern, KS. Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Information provided by Mary Cotton Public Library.

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WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART VII

Representing the Territory of Kansas at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention in July 1859 were the following Republican members: J.M. Winchell, of Osage CO., who served as president of the convention; J.M. Arthur of Linn CO.; James Blood, N.C. Blood, William Hutchison, Edwin Stokes, S.O. Thacher, P.H. Townsend, & R.L. Williams of Douglas CO.; J.G. Blunt of Anderson CO.; J.C. Burnett, W.R. Griffith of Bourbon CO.; J.T. Burris of Johnson CO.; Allen Crocker of Coffee CO.; W.P. Dutton, B.F. Simpson of Lykins CO.; Robert Graham, J.J. Ingalls, Caleb May of Atchison CO.; J.P. Greer, H.D. Preston, John Ritchie of Shawnee CO.; S.A. Kingman of Brown CO.; Josiah Lamb of Linn CO.; G.H. Lillie of Madison CO.; William McCullough of Morris CO.; J.A. Miccleton of Marshall CO.; L.R. Palmer of Pottawatomie CO.; R.J. Porter of Doniphan CO.; E.J. Ross of Waubesaunsee CO.; J.A. Signor of Allen CO. & T.S. Wright of Nemaha CO.

Representing the Territory of Kansas at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention in July 1859 were the following Democrat members: J.T. Barton of Johnson CO.; Fred Brown, W.C. McDowell, A.D. McCune, R.C. Foster, Sam Hipple, J.S. Parks, William Perry, J.P. Slough, S.A. Stinson & John Wright of Leavenworth CO.; B. Wrigley, J.W. Forman, E.M. Hubbard & J. Stirwalt of Doniphan CO.; C.B. McClellan of Jefferson CO. & E. Moore of Jackson CO. Not all leaders associated with those early days in the Territory of Kansas were present at this convention such as Charles Robinson and James Lane, however out of this convention came the following two United States Senators: John J. Ingalls and Edmond G. Ross; Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Samuel A. Kingman and as an Attorney General B.F. Simpson, who later became a speaker of the Kansas House, a member of the senate, a supreme court commissioner and a United States Marshall.

Fifty-two of the delegates were lawyers and 16 were farmers. The oldest man at the convention was Robert Graham of Atchison CO., who was 55 years-old and the youngest in attendance was 23 year-old B.F. Simpson of Lykins CO. Lykins CO. was established in 1855 and named for David Lykins, a Baptist missionary for the Confederated Tribes of the Weas, Piankeshaws, Peorias and Kaskaskias Indians. Lykins was a pro-slavery member of the territorial council. Lykins left the state after the Free-State forces came to political ascendancy. Miami became the name for this county on June 3, 1861, which is just below present-day Johnson CO. along the Kansas/Missouri State Line. Only 52 of the delegates were over the age of 40 years, more than one-third were under 30 and nearly two-thirds were under the age of 35.

Information taken from Brown CO. Genealogy Moments NOS. 454, 455 & 456.

SABETHA'S HISTORY OF LIVESTOCK AUCTION *cont'd*

first sale day at the Sabetha Sales Co., as it was called in the early years. George Ackerman sold one of those 4-H steers weighing 900 lbs. and selling for \$30 per hundred. That first sale had receipts of 3 hogs, 116 cattle & 2 horses, for a total of \$11,174.84. This figure would sound rather small in years to come. Fat hogs were purchased daily at the sale barn for a number of years. Dorothy Keck sold 13 cattle at the first sale. The 109 acres of land on which the sale barn was built was purchased from Dorothy (now Mrs. Calvin Stewart). Her family had moved there in 1920. The house located at the west end of Sabetha's Main Street is now the home of the Roma & John Hervey Family. Their access to the home comes past the east side of the sale barn, as the bridge over the creek on the railroad property has long been out and the road from Main Street closed.

Auctioneers at the first sale were Dave Edelman on the smaller items, and Gene Toby on the livestock. Dr. Trull of Bern served as veterinary inspector. The office clerk was E.W. Scofield of Fairview, assisted by Wilma Bauman. Mr. Scofield established a bookkeeping system, which was taken over by Wilma following his illness and death in 1955.

The Bauman Truck Line which was owned at the time by Edwin and W. R. Bauman was operated in conjunction with the sale barn. Ed Bauman had been in the trucking business throughout most of his life. His son, Edwin, Jr., worked in the trucking part of the business after his return from the Navy in 1947. Beulah Bauman

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SABETHA'S HISTORY OF LIVESTOCK AUCTION *continued*

Noble was the bookkeeper.

The trucking and auction partnership was to be divided by the Bauman Brothers in 1950. Edwin Bauman would have the Bauman Truck Line, W. R. Bauman would have the Sabetha Livestock Auction. Both businesses maintained their offices at the sale barn throughout the years. Edwin, Jr. later purchased the Bauman Truck Line from his father and continued to operate it until 1975 when he sold out to devote full time to farming. In 1954 Edwin was to start his years of running a combine crew in the harvest fields from Texas to the Dakota's. Edwin also had farm land west of Sabetha adjoining that of W. R.'s. The brothers were to maintain a close working relationship throughout the years.

W. R. & Ollie Marthaler Bauman were the parents of three daughters, Nellie, Wilma and Roma. The business was always run as a family business. Ollie had the lunch room responsibility, did a lot of the bookkeeping, and spent many hours throughout the week in the sale barn office.

W. R. always said his boys would come later, and the year 1950 brought two of them. Wilma and George Ackerman were married in February, and Nellie and Dwight Beckwith in March. George started farming and took a position each Saturday in the yards of the sale barn. George went to auctioneer school in Mason City, Iowa in 1956, and his work was in the ring and auction block after that time. Nellie and Dwight moved from Hiawatha to the farm south of Bern in 1951, and he too started a Saturday job at the sale. Roma and John Hervey of Topeka were married in 1960, and moved to the house north of the sale barn in 1961. Roma was to continue her profession as a registered nurse part-time, and John was to farm and join the sale barn crew. The entire family was to devote time to the auction business throughout these years.

Dwight and Nellie Beckwith purchased the Bern Locker in 1960, and by the year 1967 were to become too involved in it's operation to continue their work with the Sabetha Livestock Auction. Dwight still seldom misses a Saturday sale, but in the buying capacity connected with his feed lot and meat business.

Saturday was sale day in Sabetha!! Hundreds of hogs and cattle were to go through this sale ring in the years to follow. Those early years were quite a contrast to this year of 1976. Bauman Truck Line trucks made many trips to area farms to pick up livestock in the early years. Now most every farmer has a pickup truck, gooseneck trailer, or straight truck to haul their own livestock.

Many, many young men were to be employed in the auction yards throughout the years. It would be impossible to name them all. Three grandsons got an early start in the baby calf area. Granddaughters were lunch room helpers in their grade and high school days.

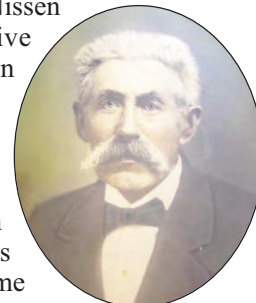
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NEMAHA COUNTY PIONEERS

THE WETMORE NISSENS OF DENMARK

Provided by Ed Nissen

Claus Christian Nissen (Klaus Kristian Nissen) was born August 28, 1833 in Hone, Svenborg, Denmark. He was the third of nine children born to Julius Nicolai Nissen and Anne Margrethe Petersen. Five generations of Nissens preceeded him in Denmark.



Claus

Julius had owned and operated a ferry from Horne to the Jutland peninsula. But this came to an end with Denmark's disastrous war with Germany in 1863 to 1864. This ultimately may have caused Claus to come to America

Hedvig Gustafva Hoglund, born January 3, 1830 in Upsala, Sweden married Claus on February 21, 1862. She died January 19, 1894 at Wetmore, KS. Claus and Hedvig are first believed to have gone to Madison, Wisconsin in 1865, but left there in 1873 and took up farming in Wetmore, Kansas. The 1880 Census shows him as a farmer, and by that same year he personally owned 80 acres. The family descendants continue to live on that farm today.



Adolph

Without children, Claus and Hedvig adopted Adolph Marquardt, who was born October 8, 1868. He was orphaned by the murder of his parents when he was four years of age. After his college education, became an educator and leader in agriculture, keeping his Wetmore farm. He died April 18, 1950 at Holton, KS.

Following Hedvig's death, Claus married Katharina E. Jenne Yahn, born January 2, 1875 at Mundingen, Germany. She died December 5, 1949 at Wetmore, Kansas. Born to this union were these five children: William Claude Christain a.k.a. "Willie", Elizabeth K. a.k.a. "Lizzie", Carl Frederick a.k.a. "Fritz", John George and Homer Joseph Nissen. Claus provided advanced education to his children for farming or trades.



Katharina

While at Wetmore, cousin Marcelius Seneca Nissen from Denmark arrived. So did a younger brother Erik Nissen. Marcelius moved to California where he entered farming,

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married and had children. Claus went to Oklahoma and bought land. Erik followed him there and also bought land. William returned to Wetmore with his parents. Erik left his farm and settled in Oklahoma City with his family. Claus returned to Wetmore and eventually rented his farm to an Oklahoma neighbor. The land remains in the Nissen family and still is rented by the descendants of the original neighbor.

Clearly, Claus provided nurture and support while new arrivals to the United States acclimated and prepared for their lives ahead. So important was Claus to Marcelius that he named his first child for Claus, rather than his own father or grandfather according to Danish custom.

After service as a private in the army in W.W.I, William finally settled in Missouri. But before this he married Ella May Whitelaw of Illinois, and to this union was born a daughter. He worked for Hanna Poultry Co. in Goff City, Kansas, as a truck driver. Later, he lived in Joplin and St. Louis, dying at Florissant, a northern suburb in St. Louis CO., Sept. 13, 1972.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" K. Nissen was born in Kansas, probably Wetmore, July 1, 1898. She married Wetmore native Charles J. Love and they lived entirely in the Wetmore community. To this union was born three children, one of which may still be alive.

Carl Frederick "Fritz" Nissen, born Sept. 6, 1899 at Wetmore, was living in 1910 with his parents in Oklahoma, then returned with them later to Wetmore. In W.W.I, he became a private in Company D of the 27th Battalion of the Kansas State Guard., but he was never mustered into active service. He did participate in the 27th Bn review in Seneca, KS. on July 7, 1918. Married to Lillian Frances Moore on February 28, 1925 at Holton, they bought a farm near Wetmore and raised four

children, who are now deceased, however grand children do carry on the family line.

John George Nissen, born April 13, 1901 at Wetmore, found work later when he became of age in a retail grocery in Topeka. He married Elsie Josephine Luscombe on July 15, 1920 at Topeka, and to this union were born two children. At a time when having multiple jobs was almost unheard of during the depression, in addition to driving laundry trucks for Ripley Cleaners in Topeka, he also worked as an operator on that city's trolley system. He died May 8, 1961 at Topeka and she in 1963 and both was buried at the Wetmore Cemetery.

Homer Joseph Nissen was born Sept. 17, 1903 in Grimes, Oklahoma. On Sept. 24, 1924, he married Mabel Mell McQueen and before her death in 1928 a daughter was born. He became a welder and worked building Victory Ships in the Richmond, California shipyards in W.W. II. Following this, he worked for the Standard Oil CO., now Chevron, in Richmond where he eventually retired. Throughout his married life, he was fond of palying baseball, horseshoes & bowling. Homer died July 13, 1964 in California and is buried in Wetmore.

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BIRTH OF NEMAHA COUNTY'S LEHMANN & MEYER

Ruben F. Lehmann began working in the plumbing trade for Keithley Plumbing of Sabetha in November 1945, upon returning from World War II Navy service. In April 1947, he and Carl Hartman began their own business in plumbing and heating under the name of Hartman & Lehmann at Sabetha. They had purchased the Murdock building, located at 1015 Main Street where the business is now located. In 1947, credit was difficult to obtain and government loans were not yet established for small businesses. The business gradually built up at this time with the purchase of a used truck.

Back then repairing and erecting windmills were a large part of a plumber's work. Although modern plumbing was on the upswing for the farm homes, many did not yet have these modern facilities. The hours were long, from sun up to long past sun down working with heavy iron pipes in wells, cast iron soil pipe for sanitary drains, all cast iron bath tubs, some cast iron wood and coal furnaces were still being installed with customary hourly charges being as much as a dollar an hour.

In the spring of 1953, Hartman, due to poor health, sold his share of the business to employee Harlan Meyer. Whereupon, the business became Lehmann & Meyer Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning. Since then, the business has grown enough to operate several trucks and employ several men. Having since passed away, Ruben and his wife Eileen were active in the Sabetha community. At the present, their sons Richard and Bob are the managers of the business. Presently Harlan and his wife Florence live in Sabetha enjoying the fruits of retired life.

Basis for this was taken from the history of Lehmann & Meyer written by Eileen Lehmann for the 1976 Bicentennial Edition of the History of Sabetha & Surrounding Area.

BANCROFT MUSEUM Reported by Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot Museum had a successful summer with more visitors than the last couple of years. The Jackson County Historical Society members came for an afternoon visit at the end of the season. The Bancroft Depot Museum was happy to host the group and give them a tour of the facility.



Please put on your calendars that the museum will re-open Memorial Day weekend in 2014 with the normal Sunday afternoon hours from two to four at that time. If you have visitors who really want to see the museum this winter, call 785-866-5288 to see if a time to visit the museum can be arranged.

At least plan a trip this Fall to see the foliage and all of the outdoor exhibits on the museum grounds. To get to the museum, take KS. Highway 9 west of Goff to KS. Highway 62. The museum is just to the east of the intersection of 24th and 'S' Roads.

NEMAHA COUNTY POPULATION FACTS FROM 1875

In 1875 the population of this county to the square mile was only 9.86. Going back to 1860 there were in the county 2,436 people, then in 1870 an increase of 4,903, which brought the total up to 7,339. The population fell to 7,104 and that was possibly due to the fact that times were mighty hard in the early 70's. There was a plague of grasshoppers that consumed crops and the financial panic which took care of one's ability to make and save money. Presumably some of the faint hearted went back East to the home folks, or farther West seeking a better life.

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THE CONTINUATION OF THE BANK ROBBERY AT MERCIER IN BROWN CO. KS.

ONEIDA FARM YOUTHS IDENTIFIED
BY CASHIER J. P. SULLIVAN
AS RAIDERS OF FARMER'S STATE BANK

At a corner 1 1/2 miles further north, Harvey Chandler told the Sullivans the bandit car had turned west. The pursuers turned west, Sullivan informing every farmer he passed of the robbery at Mercier. He was told the bandit car was just ahead, traveling at a high rate of speed. Five miles west, at Highway 75, Sullivan saw where a car had skidded in turning north on the gravel. He turned north in pursuit and drove rapidly toward Fairview.

Bandit Car Doubles Back!

About 1 1/2 miles north of this point is the country home of Mrs. Charles Cottrell. As the Sullivan car passed the Cottrell home, Sullivan saw a grey-green Chevrolet coupe in the yard. He first thought it might be the bandits, but only one man was in sight and he was wearing a sweater. The two men who had robbed the bank wore blue overall jumpers. So Sullivan and Rathke continued on without stopping.

But this actually was the bandit car. The two robbers had run short of gasoline and stopped at the Cottrell home to replenish. They bought only two gallons of gas, although one of the men said they had plenty of money. Verne Cottrell, who was getting them water for the radiator, saw some loose money on the floor of the car and also a gun. One of the men slipped on a sweater while there.

The car left Cottrell's and turned south of Highway 75. Mrs. Cottrell phoned the Fairview central and here the Sullivans took up the trail again. They returned to the Cottrell home and assumed the bandits had turned west at the next corner south, as there were plain tracks. They drove three miles west and were informed by farm women that a grey-green coupe was ahead of them. At the Brown-Nemaha County line the road jogs. The Sullivan car took the road to the south toward Granada, thereby missing a probable later meeting with the robbers themselves.

The next information came from Dr. Hal Brownlee, formerly a Horton veterinarian who now lives at Woodlawn and runs a filling station. One of the Bowman boys, whom Brownlee knew and recognized, drove up alone to his place in a grey-green coupe and called for four gallons of gasoline. When it was placed in the tank, about half of it ran out on the ground and Brownlee noticed the holes in the gas tank. The Bowman boy drove east in leaving Woodlawn. Brownlee notified Fairview and Sabetha by telephone and the chase was on again. This was about 3 p.m.

Sheriff Arrives by Airplane

At Granada the Sullivans received the Woodlawn news from Fairview. Sheriff Mellenbruch, who had been scouting around in the Boyle airplane, flew from Fairview to Woodlawn and received direct information from Brownlee as to the location of the country home of the Bowmans. He and Pilot Boyle then flew to Oneida, where the sheriff commandeered an automobile, deputized some men, and drove to the Bowman farm, seven miles northwest of Oneida, and only a short distance from Bern.

They arrived at the home of the Bowman brothers about 5 p.m. and found them just ready to solder two holes in a Chevrolet gasoline tank which had been removed from their grey-green coupe. There was another gasoline tank nearby said to have been purchased at Woodlawn. The two Bowman's claimed they had been working on the farm all day and had a team of horses harnessed as evidence of that fact. They admitted no knowledge of the robbery. No money was found in the sheriff's search, nor any pistol.

This brings to an end at this time Part III of the Mercier Bank Robbery of 1933. Follow the continuation of this story in the Feb.-March-April 2014 Pioneer Press.

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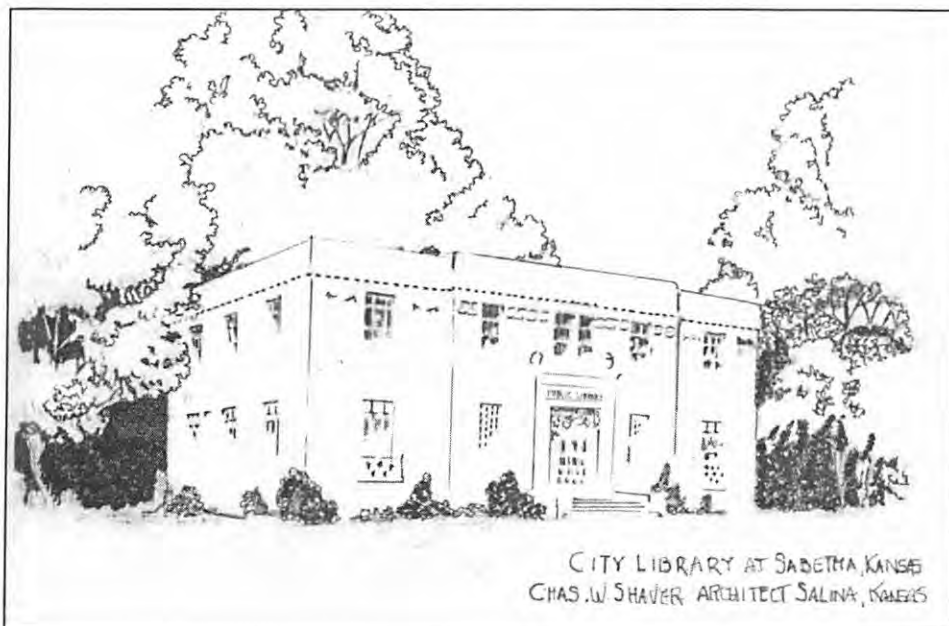
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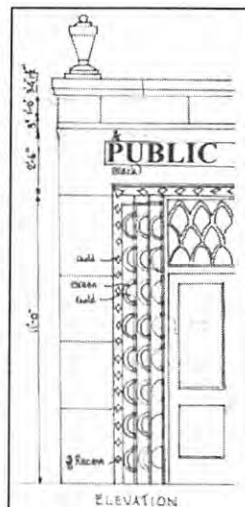
Sabetha Mary Cotton Public Library



Designed in a modified art deco architectural style by Salina, Kansas architect Charles W. Shaver, the Mary Cotton Public Library in Sabetha was built in 1937 during the economic depression era, under the Federal Works Progress Administration. All of the interior lighting fixtures are also done in the art deco style and were designed by the architect as well. Named for Sabetha philanthropist, Mary Cotton, who at the time of her death in 1912 bequeathed \$3,000.00 and the income from the sale of furnishings of her home to be used to establish a public library. An avid reader and collector of books, she paved the way for this library by allowing people to check out books from her personal library. When it opened for business at the present site in 1937, the M.C.P.L. had 10,000 books on its shelves. Of all of the artifacts that the library owns, perhaps its most famous is the large painting of The Princess of Prussia painted by Robert Stroud, aka the Bird Man of Alcatraz.

Originally pioneers of nearby Albany, the Whittenhall family of Sabetha had donated a large city block in the center of town, a block south of Main Street. Originally requested by this family, this tract of land was to be used solely for the purpose of a public park, however after much discussion the city fathers decided to build a library on the north side of this park facing Virginia Street. The final bid was granted to A. F. Roberts Construction of Sabetha for \$47,000 for this building measuring 46½' by 72½' built entirely of a mat surfaced brick of a light terra cotta.

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WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART III

It was in 1859, a year after John James Ingalls moved to Sumner in Atchison County of the Kansas Territory that as an active member of the territory's political affairs that he served as a delegate to the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention which met in the community of the same name on July 5, 1859. At the convention's choice, he served as chairman of the Phraseology Committee which provided him with a great deal of influence over the way that famous document would read. It was 21 days after the first meeting, that a piece of paper finalizing what the 35 Republican and 17 Democrat delegates determined that reflected the pluck and progressiveness of the territory's citizens. During the campaign for ratification, Ingalls told his father, "The Constitution will undoubtedly be adopted though I am by no means sanguine about admission under it into the Union. The Democrats oppose it as a party measure, but I estimate the Republican majority in the territory at five thousand, which gives us a sure thing."

Brown County Genealogy Moment NO. 450

SURNAMES PART II

Taken from the Sept. 2005 B.C.G.S. Ancestor Trail's
From Norway To Brown County, Kansas compiled by Greg Newlin

The first recorded Norwegians who came to Brown CO. was as early as 1858 establishing the Upper Wolf River Lutheran Church at Robinson, KS. In these early days, the Norwegian settlement in Northeast Kansas appears to have extended along a line stretching from the community of Moray in central Doniphan CO. to Robinson in east central Brown CO. It is my guess that they found the farming land in southeast Brown CO. to be better suited to their needs than that along the Robinson and Moray corridor. So nineteen years later in 1877, the first members of the Johnson and Knudson brothers and sisters who were descendants of Inger Sofie Berentsdatter settled on land surrounding the communities of present-day Everest and Willis. Together with many other Norwegian families who had previously settled in this area, a Lutheran church was built closer to the Willis and Everest communities. Their first meeting was held on February 4, 1895 at the home of Tonnes Johnson, who also was a member of the 1877 group. In the mid 1890's on land a half mile west and 3 1/2 miles north of Everest donated by Tonnes, a church was erected. Later land across from the church was donated for the cemetery by Eli Torkelson.

Born June 9, 1827 in Mydland, Norway, Inger Sofie Berentsdatter (Barent's daughter), the daughter of Berent Gabriel Salveson (son of Salve) was born about 1800. Her mother, Inger Elizabet Rolfsdatter (daughter of Rolfs) married Berent in June 1826. On June 22, 1843, Inger Sofie married Jonas Tonnesen and raised two of their three sons to adulthood. Their youngest child, Hans Jacob died when only three months old on a Christmas Day. At the age of 27, her husband Jonas died Dec. 21, 1850. Together with sons, Berent Gabriel and Tonnes Andreas, Inger Sofie remarried and raised eight children from her second marriage before her death Aug. 12, 1887 in Skondal, Norway. Brown CO. surnames of those descendants who can trace their ancestral heritage to Inger Sofie Berentsdatter are as follows: Johnson, Knudson, Gigstad, Jacobson, Torkelson, Aamodt, Pederson, Larson, Tollefson, Jamvold, Nelson, Albertson, Olsen and Jenson.

Another descendant, Inger Sofie Pederson was born in Norway in 1886 and came to America with her family in 1890 moving directly to Brown CO., KS. Inger was the eldest of the seven Pederson children and after reaching her teens she worked as a domestic for a doctor in St. Joseph, MO. In 1915, she met Tollef Tollefson (son of Tollef) and they were married north of Everest where her family had settled. To this union, two sons Thomas and Carl were born. Tollef also born in Norway came to America alone at the age of 16. He worked and saved in order to bring his parents and siblings to where they eventually settled near present-day Willis. The pioneer work ethic that brought Sofie and Tollef together was no different than that shared by all of their Brown CO. Norwegian neighbors making this part of the county ideally what it is today.

Research for this column is from Remedies & Recipes of Our Brown County Ancestors by G. Newlin, Pub. 2001; From Norway To Kansas by Brown Countians Mrs. Frieda Gigstad and Mrs. Helen Larson and an 1880 map of Kansas.

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Thoroughly wash one 1 ½ to 2 pound opossum and trim off excess fat. Season cavity with salt and pepper; add 1 to 2 bay leaves. Close with skewers and tie legs together. Place on rack in shallow roasting pan; add water to cover bottom of pan. Cover; cook at 350 degrees for 1 hour or till tender. Uncover and cook till brown, 15 to 20 minutes more.

HASENPFEFFER

- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 medium onion
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon mixed pickling spices
- 1 1-2 pound ready-to-cook rabbit, cut up
- 2 Tbsp. All-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp. Shortening

Mix 3 cups water, first 4 ingredients, 2 tsp. Salt and ¼ tsp. Pepper. Add rabbit. Refrigerate 2 days. Remove meat from marinade, reserving 1 cup. Dry meat.

Coat rabbit with flour. Brown meat in hot shortening; slowly add marinade. Cover; simmer 45 to 60 minutes or till tender (add water, if necessary); remove meat. Thicken liquid for gravy, if desired. Serves 2 to 3.

PARTIDGE IN RED WINE

(Can use Dove or Quail)

- 1 1-pound ready-to-cook birds, cut up
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
- 1 10 ½ ounce can condensed beef broth
- ¾ cup claret or red Burgundy wine

Coat birds with mixture of flour and 1 tsp. Salt. Brown bird in butter in a Dutch oven. Add onion and broth. Cook, covered, over low heat for 50 to 60 minutes or till tender. Remove bird to serving dish. Add wine to Dutch oven; simmer 5 minutes, stirring up brown bits from bottom of pan. Pour sauce over bird. Serves 2 to 3.

WILD GEESE WITH FRUIT

- 1 cup dry bread cubes (about two slices cut in ½ inch cubes)
- 1 cup cooked prunes, pitted and quartered
- 4 small tart apples, pared, cored and quartered
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ tsp. Salt
- ¼ tsp. ground sage
- ¼ tsp. Dried rosemary, crushed
- Dash of pepper
- 2 3-pound ready to cook wild geese

Toss together bread cubes, prunes, apples, celery, salt, sage, rosemary and pepper. Stuff and truss wild geese. If within 2 to 4 lbs., roast in oven at 400 degrees between 1 ½ to 3 hours. Serves between 4 to 6.

Have you a favorite family recipe that you would like to share that has a story, if so send it to either me at newlin@rainbowtel.net or by mail to Greg Newlin at 1022 Ohio St. - Sabetha, KS. 66534



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NEMAHA COUNTY PIONEERS

JACOB J. & MARY M. MILLER

Jacob J. Miller was a pioneer settler, and was one of the famous vanguard of pioneers who came to the Territory of Kansas in the late 1850's and paved the way for the redemption of the vast unpeopled spaces awaiting the advent of the home builders from the East and the Old World, who came in ever increasing numbers. Those early, sturdy, brave wildersness conquerers such as this man doubtless dreamed of the days when the iron locomotive would supplant the slower moving pony express and the immigrant freight trains which wended their slow passage from the Missouri River to the far West. He lived to see his dreams come true and attained a portion of the prosperity which was rightfully his before his demise. He served his country in the Civil War and became an honored and respected citizen of a great county, of which he was one of the first real old settlers.



Jacob J. Miller was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 10, 1834, and was a son of Frederick and Elizabeth Hilt Miller, who were the parents of eight children, of whom Jacob J. was the sixth in order of chronological birth. He was reared to young manhood in Germany and in 1854 left his native land and immigrated to America, and after a two years stay in Long Island went to Illinois, where he remained for five years, migrating to Nemaha County, Kansas, in 1859. He preempted a homestead of 160 acres of land with Gabriel Luckett in Rock Creek Township. His home was a log cabin which the previous homesteader had built on the farm. He broke up his land with slow moving oxen and continued its cultivation until the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Just previous to the Civil War, Mr. Miller drove an ox team in an overland freight train from Atchison to Salt Lake City, walking the entire distance to Salt Lake City and part of the return trip. He felt called upon to assist in preserving the Union from dissolution, and accordingly, in 1862, he enlisted in the famous Thirteenth Kansas Infantry at Hiawatha and served for three years. He fought at the battle of Prairie Grove and all of the notable engagements in which this regiment participated in the Southwest, attaining the rank of corporal in Company I of the 13th. He returned to his homestead in Nemaha CO. after his discharge from the service, was married in 1868, and cultivated and improved his land with considerable success until 1908, when he retired to a home in Sabetha. Mr. Miller accumulated the large total of 480 acres of land during his lifetime, and was one of the well-to-do citizens of Sabetha at the time of his death, August 20, 1911. He was a member of the Grand Army Post of Sabetha, Kansas, and was highly respected and liked by all who knew him for his many excellent qualities.

Jacob J. Miller was married March 4, 1868, to Mary M. Moorhead, born in Coshocton CO., Ohio, August 19, 1847, a daughter of Archibald and Sarah McBride Moorehead. Her father was born near Londonderry, Ireland, in 1818, and died in 1881. Upon his immigration to this country, he located in Ohio, where he was married to Sarah McBride, born in 1822, in Coshocton CO., Ohio, and died in 1904. These children were born to this union: Mrs. Anna M. Joy, LaConnor, Wash.; Mrs. Mary Miller, with whom this review is concerned; Sarah; Richard, former probate judge, representative from Nemaha CO. and postmaster at Sabetha; Nancy, wife of Roy A. Thompson, Ness City, KS.; Nettie, wife of C. Clarkson; Mrs. Jennie L. Clarkson.

Archibald Moorehead immigrated to America in 1831, when a boy of thirteen years

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old, and after a stay in New York City, he migrated to Ohio. After his marriage in Ohio, he located near Ottumwa, Iowa, where he resided until 1857, and then came West and located on the prairie five miles north of Sabetha, KS. His first visit to Kansas was made in 1856, at which time he paid \$1,300 for 160 acres of land, which included sixty acres of timber. He eventually settled in Rock Creek Township, near the farm owned by Jacob J. Miller, where his family was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Moorehead were members of the Presbyterian Church.

These five children were born to the union of Jacob J. and Mary: Belle, graduated from the Nebraska State Normal School and the Kansas Teachers' Training School at Pittsburg, KS., taught the second grade of the Seneca schools for four years, taught the seventh grade of the Sabetha schools for one year, and then gave up teaching. Circumstances, however, caused her to teach for three years in her home district, and then in Falls City, NE., for one year. She also taught at Logan, UT, previous to retiring from her profession.

Lillie E., wife of J. Lorthscher, Fairview, KS., was also a teacher for four years, and mother of these five children: Lucile, John, Paul, Loraine and Esther.

Prof. Benjamin Leroy Miller graduated from Kansas State University and taught in Penn College in Oskaloosa, IA., for three years, following which he attended John Hopkins University at Baltimore, MD. and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He then taught at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, and became the head of the Department of Geology of Lehigh University at Bethlehem, PA. Prof. Benjamin Leroy Miller was a fine example of intellectual development, physically and morally strong. During 1915 he was granted a leave of absence from his chair at Lehigh and traveled for eight months in geological research in South America. For particulars of Dr.

Miller's accomplishments, the reader is suggested to refer to the chapter, **Nemaha Men & Women of Renown** in Ralph Tennal's **History of Nemaha County, Kansas**.

Nellie attended the State Normal School at Peru, NE. and then later moved to Parsons, KS. Paul, the youngest of the family, was a farmer in Rock Creek Township.

It was the ambition of Jacob J. Miller to give each of his children an excellent education, and he succeeded in this laudable desire...thereby bequeathing to his country a family whose members had taken honored and useful places in their respective communities and who revere the memory of a parent whose care and forethought have enabled them to become successful and useful men and women. When Tennal compiled his pioneer interviews for the History of Nemaha County, Kansas publication, Mrs. Miller reported to him that she shared her late husband's desire and did her part nobly by assisting in carrying out her husband's ambitions, and was of the greatest assistance to him during the years in which he and she were rearing their fine family and trying to attain to a position of comfort and well being. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Sabetha Congregational Church as well as the missionary society connected with this church plus active with other church functions, social affairs in Sabetha and affiliated with the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

For the most part, information and photos that went into this column came entirely from THE HISTORY OF NEMAHA COUNTY, KANSAS by Ralph Tennal, Published in 1916. I have taken the liberty to do some editing, however the basic biography remains untouched. My thanks to the Mary Cotton Public Library in Sabetha for the text as well as the Brown County Genealogical Society Research Center in Hiawatha, Kansas for the photos.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 14, 2014 QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Joyce Olberding, Freda Dobbins, Greg Newlin, Raymond Thieme, Diane Rottinghaus, Dorothy P. Murphy and Patty Byers. The Oct. 22, 2013 Reorganizational Meeting minutes and quarterly financial report were approved as submitted.

REPORTS: Freda Dobbins noted that the Bancroft Museum is open through the winter months by appointment. Diane Rottinghaus reported that the museum has the following new and enthusiastic volunteers: Shirley Leem, Karen Holthaus and Sharon Steinlage who are there each week when available. Diane Rottinghaus also reported that the Veteran's Day activity held at the Temple of Honor was a big success, in addition, she attended the veteran's program at Nemaha Valley Elementary and Middle School and accepted a donation to the museum. Joyce Olberding reported a memorial from Leonard Schmitz had been received. Greg Newlin noted that a rose bush will be moved this spring to complete the proper spacing of the existing landscape of the museum. For maintenance, it was reported that an earlier attempt to provide water to the Temple of Honor was unsuccessful but other options are being explored. It was also noted that the basement of the jail needs more insulation. Ray Thieme reported grant money had been received from City of Seneca Tourism Committee for promotion and publicity of the Golf Tourney and Tractor Cruise fundraisers. Additionally it was reported that DarlAnn Rial has filed for a S.T.E.P. Grant to offset security costs.

OLD BUSINESS: The board reviewed various cost estimates to provide improved security at the Museum and the Temple of Honor.

NEW BUSINESS: Anita Heiman requested suggestions for suitable Eagle Scout projects to be submitted to the Scout Master at the next meeting. The board reviewed plans for the June 7, 2014 Golf Tourney fundraiser and updated publicity. The official date for the Museum opening will be decided at the April quarterly meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Diane Rottinghaus reported on museum activities. Ray Thieme presented a free copy of the book, "Llewellyn Castle", donated by the author to the museum. Research for this book had been done by the author at the Nemaha County Historical Museum.

Next Quarterly Meeting is April 8, 2014.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE EDITORS & PUBLISHERS OF NEMAHA COUNTY'S FIRST NEWSPAPERS PART I

Seneca's Nemaha Courier was the first newspaper in the county with the initial number appearing November 14, 1863 under the proprietorship of editor John P. Cone. The Courier was a six column folio with an allegiance to the Republican Party. The following statement was made in the very first issue: "The Courier, as a pioneer of the art preservative in Nemaha County, today sends greeting to all, friend and foe....rebel and copperheads excepted. Issued upon soil never before settled upon for a pry to the world's lever, it stands first and yet alone to herald that happy day when types first were taught to act the happy messengers of thought."

The paper was issued in the old Lappin & Scrafford building on the main street of Seneca. Here the paper was printed once a week until January 23, 1868. The war was over, things had cooled down and the Courier had, too. The paper ceased to profess a protection of freedom and began to protect home industries. Whether advertising had picked up or the mail order business loomed in the distance, appeareth not in the records at the time. March 25, 1869, the name of the paper was changed to that of the Kansas Courier, and by some joke of fate the violent Republican paper of early days is now the Courier-Democrat of the opposite politics and the big following of that time.

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PART II OF INTERESTING POPULATION FACTS ABOUT NEMAHA COUNTY IN 1875

Another interesting fact about this county in its early history is that 5,926 of it's settlers were born in the United States, originally 372 came from Germany, 212 from Ireland, 157 from England and Wales, 122 from Southern Europe, 46 from Scotland, 45 from Sweden, Norway and Denmark with 39 from France. The number of males were at 3,696 compared to the number of females at 3,408. A predominance existed of 1,185 emigrants from the state of Illinois, emigrants from Missouri came in second at 676, Iowa was third with 601, fourth was Ohio with 443 and Indiana took fifth place with 426.

In 1875, the business of rearing families was the most important early business with 2,015 children born in Nemaha CO., KS. In this same year, 1,454 people were engaged in agriculture which amounted to 83.03%. Making it easy to surmise that nearly everybody was busy growing crops. There was only 90 or 95% engaged in professional and personal pursuits and in trade and transportation 84.7%. Nemaha CO. started out quite promisingly in manufacturing. 160 persons were engaged in various manufacturing establishments which amounted to about .08 & .09%. A brick plant at Seneca is about all that existed at this time as far as manufacturing went.

(Facts from 1875 to be continued in next Pioneer Press)

SENECA'S SHALE BRICK INDUSTRY

This company was organized in 1906 with a capital of \$10,000.00 and was composed of the following: George A. Shaul, J.H. Cohen, George W. Williams, L.B. Keith, H.B. Nichols, August Kramer, Ira. B. Dye, Dr. W.F. Drum, H.C. Settle and Mrs. C.G. Scrafford. They acquired, or leased a tract of land upon which a bed of shale had been discovered near the surface that seemed to be apparently exhaustless and located on the John Fox farm one mile east of Seneca, as well as the land belonging to G.W. Williams. Since the excavation took place, it was also discovered that the depth of shale was so indeterminable that it increased in quality the deeper they dug. Initially closer to the surface of the shale excavation, a small vein of coal was discovered with the presence of another vein of greater thickness further down.

This brick industry would never have been were it not for a venture by a group of capitalists who tried to drill for oil just northeast of Seneca. At 60 feet the drill struck the type and grade of shale that goes into brick making. Other holes were drilled around the area revealing that the quantity of shale is most abundant. At the time of ther exploratory drilling, George A. Shaul was building the State Normal Library at Penn, Neb., and Ira B. Dye was operating a brick plant there also. Shaul took a quantity of the shale to Dye's plant and after a thorough test, it was ascertained that this shale was of excellent quality, which, upon burning, produced a fine building brick.

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PART IV
**THE CONTINUATION OF THE BANK
ROBBERY AT MERCIER IN BROWN CO. KS.**
ONEIDA FARM YOUTHS IDENTIFIED BY CASHIER J. P. SULLIVAN
AS RAIDERS OF FARMER'S STATE BANK

At 5:30 o'clock the two Sullivans and Rathke had just arrived at Oneida when Sheriff Mellenbruch drove in with his prisoners. Justin Sullivan recognized the head of a man in the car as the individual who had held the pistol on him in the robbery. He and Rathke went to the car and positively identified the two Bowman brothers as the men who held up the Mercier bank. The sheriff took his prisoners at once to the county jail at Hiawatha. Rathke says Justin Sullivan talked "scandalously" to the two Bowmans, but they never admitted having ever seen him before.

Bankers recognize hold-up car

But Justin was still far from satisfied. He wanted to find his money so he secured the help of Nemaha County officers and went to the Bowman farm. The place was searched, but no trace of the money could be found. Some 22 caliber cartridges and some 410 shotgun shells were discovered in the Chevrolet coupe. The soldering iron ready to solder the holes in the gas tank were positively identified by both Rathke and Justin Sullivan as the weapon that had been brandished over their heads in the bank. It had a peculiar handle that both men remembered.

The two Sullivans and Rathke then took the punctured gasoline tank, the soldering iron and the pistol and shotgun cartridges to the sheriff's office at Hiawatha as evidence. They had no opportunity to talk to the prisoners in the county jail.

Return from 8 - Hour Chase.

About 9 p.m. Justin Sullivan and Mr. Rathke arrived back at Mercier, after 150 miles of what most anyone would admit was successful bandit chasing. The entire village of Mercier turned out to give them a royal welcome. Justin was almost unable to talk, from all the yelling he had done to farmers enroute, announcing details of the robbery as his car flicked by.

But the two men both found their coats and hats on the floor of the bank where they had left them. It had been a more or less busy afternoon. Mr. Rathke still had an adding machine to repair.

NOTES OF THE CHASE

A party of Horton men "shook down" a hitch-hiker who was resting at a bridge on Highway 75.

The back window in McManigal's car was smashed out, supposedly by the bandits as they left Mercier.

Rick Claiborne found a nickel and some 22 - caliber shells in McManigal's car, which the bandits had left.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde McManigal saw two strangers across the street from where their car was when stolen, but thought nothing of it until afterward.

Not more than two bandits were seen at any time, but some believe a third man was waiting for the two in their own car, and possibly got away with some of the loot.

Charles Dorel and Aloysius Winterscheidt were only a short distance behind J.P. Sullivan in the first pursuing car, but lost out on the chase when the bandits got in their own car.

What was done with the money? Was one of the Bowmans hiding it while the other stopped at Dr. Hal Brownlee's for gasoline? Probably so, if it was not found around the place. (Later-Part of the money was found Wednesday.)

It was Sheriff Mellenbruch's first time in the air, and he said at first he couldn't see any cars on the ground, but later got used to it and had better vision. He didn't expect the ship to fly so high, but aviators consider it dangerous to fly too close the the ground-they-must have elevation in order to glide to landing places in case of an emergency.

Norman Schrader and Henry Lading surveyed the scene of the chase by airplane late in the afternoon Tuesday.

The sheriff says he saw the grey-green car going through Woodlawn, while in the Boyle airplane, but he was looking for a greener car and thought nothing of it.

Most of the vigilantes stopped at frequent intervals to make phone calls to the operators at Horton, Powhattan and Fairview. Telephone service in the emergency was excellent.

Notes of the chase and story continues in Part VI in May-June-July, 2014 Pioneer Press.

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NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

GILFORD HOTEL



Built in 1891, the Gilford Hotel was named in honor of its builders in a euphonious combination of their names: John A. Gilchrist and Charles G. Scrafford. Mr. Gilchrist was formerly interested in the Seneca State Bank, later named the National Bank of Seneca. Mr. Scrafford was a pioneer merchant of Seneca. He built the first hotel in White Cloud, KS. as well as the first sawmill there. But White Cloud, with its Indian agency and increasing citizenship, was becoming too civilized and metropolitan for the adventurous and delightful Mr. Scrafford, so he sought new worlds to conquer and removed to Seneca, where he opened a general store in 1860.

N.C.H.S. Member John Vorhes recalled from his youth when visiting his Seneca grandparents in the 1940's and 50's the impressive architecture of the Gilford at Third and Main Streets was late Victorian Queen Anne with several references to the Classical in the columned porches at the entrances. The arched window openings and ornate brickwork around the top cornices, the cornered squared turret with pyramid roof, and center overhanging pediment were typical of the style. Queen Anne can also be seen in the rounded turret of the First National Bank Building on the northeast corner of Fifth & Main Streets.

The various brick pinnacles, chimneys and pediments around the roof of the hotel were expensive elements showing that the town was prosperous and sophisticated, ready for commerce. At the time of its construction, Seneca was at the crossing of two railroads and saw many visiting salesmen who stayed and conducted business in the cigar smoking salons on the hotel's ground floor. A grand wooden staircase rose from the entrance lobby to the upper floors. Railroads offered travelers hearty dining at the Gilford while trains waited at a siding. The elegant white linen settings in the restaurant made it a desirable place for wedding receptions and socials of all kinds. The large windows provided sunny views down Main Street, creating a comfortable environment for both business and community.

In addition to the preceding two paragraphs of information donated by John Vorhes, other sources contributing to this article were The History of Nemaha County, Kansas by Ralph Tennial, Seneca Public Library and the archives of the Nemaha County Historical Museum. Spelling can be real interesting and I would like to point out that originally in the contribution e-mailed to me by Mr. Vorhes, he spelled the hotel as Guilford. The Seneca Public Library archives spells it Gilford. On page 84 of the History of Nemaha County, Tennial spelled it Gilford but a little later in the same book it was spelled Guilford. Go figure.

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WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART IV

Ingalls was correct in his assumption that the territory did have more than enough Republican voters to support the Wyandotte Constitution, but the U. S. Congress did not vote to admit Kansas as a state under this piece of paper until January 1861. Before the Wyandotte Constitution had been inscribed, five years before it was at the Topeka Convention that a constitution was written that prohibited slavery, yet later it was at the Leecompton Convention that slavery was allowed, however a little later it was at the Leavenworth Convention that specifically left out the word "white" in reference to race. The Wyandotte Convention was held in Lipman Myer's Hall. A building that stood back of the old Wyandotte levee at First Street and Nebraska Ave. Its walls were constructed of brick, it covered an area encompassing 239' by 100' and it rose to a height of 4 stories which made it the largest building in the territory. This community of Wyandotte first was known as an Indian village and then became one of the largest cities at that time on the Missouri River above St. Louis.

Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO. 451

BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

Reported by Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot is closed until the end of this May 2014. Be sure to mark your calendar for the opening on Memorial Day weekend. If you have visitors who would like to see the museum before then, call 785-866-5281 or 913-608-5197 to see if a time to visit can be arranged. The museum can be reached by taking KS. Highway 9 west of Goff to KS. Highway 62. Turn right, or south on 62 and travel three miles to 24th Road, turn east, or left and proceed three miles on 24th. The museum is just east of the intersection of 24th and 'S' Roads.

Continuation of PART I THE LIFE & TIMES OF EDITORS & PUBLISHERS OF NEMAH COUNTY'S FIRST NEWSPAPERS

When Mr. Cone got out his first issue of the Nemaha Courier in 1863, there was not another paper in the entire county. In fact Sol Miller, who was printing his famous Chief at White Cloud, ridiculed Cone for daring to try to live and print a paper in Nemaha. There was, of course, the little matter of Nemaha CO. printing and job work that was going to Miller at the time, which may have influenced Miller's opinion, but the editor of the Courier didn't have easy sailing for a long time. Folks in and around Seneca raised some money to pay for subscriptions but Mr. Cone's recollection in those days was that of taking boots, bootjacks and cord wood and things like that in payment for the paper.

Mr. Cone was a Free-State man who came here to help overcome the votes of pro-slavery men. He left Haverhill, Massachusetts for the Kansas Territory in 1857. Secretary Webb of the Emigrant Aid Society at Boston sold him a ticket to St. Louis for \$25. The Emigrant Aid Society was nothing more nor less than an organization to run abolitionists into the territory. On the train, Mr. Cone met 6 other abolitionists consisting of 4 men and 2 women bound for the Kansas Territory. Arriving in St. Louis on this train, they found there a little branch railroad running to Jefferson City. Stage coaches were running from Jefferson City to Independence Landing, now Kansas City, but the coaches were so crowded that there was no chance of going that way. So the 4 men hired a team and driver for \$110 to transport all the baggage and 2 women to Independence, although the men expected to ride most of the way.

The roads were in such terrible condition that the men, far from being able to ride, had to help the wagon out of the mire constantly. The highway was little more than a trail. From Independence the 6 people went west to Lawrence, and Mr. Cone took advantage of the stage coach to Leavenworth. He was bound for Sumner, 3 miles south of present-day Atchison. Back then the Sumner's boomtown future was expected to make it a bigger and better than Atchison or even Independence but nothing remained of it well into the 20th Century. He walked from Leavenworth to Sumner, where his brother D.D. Cone was the pioneer publisher of the Sumner Gazette.

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PIONEER RECIPE

In those early days of pioneering on the Kansas plains, much was rendered from the livestock when it was butchered. Although scrapple is not a favorite to everyone in our family, this recipe and method of preparation is a Newlin family favorite as it is quite authentic.

Grandma Rachel's Scrapple

1 pig's head
4 cups pork meat
1 cup corn meal
2 tps. of salt
1/4 tsp. Pepper

To prepare:

Separate head of pig from body.
Remove skin from head,
then the ears, eyes and tongue.
Discard.

Cover the remaining with water and boil 'til meat is tender.

Remove bone and discard.

Skim off fat from broth.

Shred meat into small pieces.

Save out enough broth when cooled
to make a paste with corn meal.

Combine meat, remainder of broth and heat to boiling.

Add salt and pepper.

Then add corn meal paste slowly to mixture,
stirring constantly.

Pour into a loaf pan.

Chill.

Cut into thin slices.

Fry 'til browned

Rachel Ann Grubb was born Jan. 16, 1845 in Greencastle, Ind. Her father, Collingwood Clark Grubb was born July 8, 1810 in New Castle, Del. and her mother, Sophia Charlotte Webb was born Feb. 16, 1816 in Kentucky and it is believed that they were both of English ancestry. Rachel and her parents moved to the far southwestern corner of Brown CO. in 1857. Her father was the second station keeper and postmaster of the Old Powhatan pony express, Overland Express change station and post office. She met her husband, James Twadell Newlin at the station when he came to retrieve his mail. (more on this meeting can be found in B.C.G. Moment NO. 16) James came to an area 7 miles northwest of present-day Netawaka, KS. in Brown CO. in 1866 from Pana, Il. He is of Scottish ancestry and his father Samuel Hoopes Newlin was born Oct. 22, 1803 in Chester CO., Penn. near where his mother, Martha Nichols was born in Centerville, Penn. On May 19, 1803. Rachel and James were married in Hiawatha, Kans. on Oct. 4, 1868 and raised 5 sons and 5 daughters.

Biography and recipe were contributed by Rachel's Grand Daughters the late Della Newlin Hinkle and Lois Newlin Bassett of Phoenix, AZ. for the B.C.G.S. 2001 publication of Remedies & Recipes of Our Brown County Ancestors compiled by Great Grandson Greg Newlin.

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NEMAHA COUNTY SURNAMES PART III

HAVERKAMP

North German and Dutch topographic name from Middle Low German. Haver means oats and kamp meant field. In the 1920 Census there were between 1 and 3 Haverkamp families living in CA., WI., LA., MS., KY., TN., PA., MD., & N.J. 4 to 10 families were living in TX., KS., NE., IA., MN., MI., IL. & N.Y. 11 to 19 families were living in MO., IN. & OH.

HEIMAN

Heiman is Jewish from the Yiddish name Khayman, a variant of Khayem or an altered spelling of the German Heimann. In the 1920 Fed. Census between 1 & 11 families lived in KS.; between 12 & 34 families in CA., TX., MN., MO., WI., MI., IN., OH. & PA.; between 35 & 68 families lived in IL. & N.Y. and none in NV., UT., WY. & AZ.

ROTTINGHAUS

Rottinghaus is a German habitation name from a place called Rottinghausen near Osnabrück, Lower Saxony. Today the Free State of Saxony is a landlocked federal state of Germany and it is the 10th largest German state in area with an area of 18,413 sq. kilometers. The capital is Dresden and it is the 6th most populous of Germany's 16 states with a population of 4.3 million. Located in the middle of a former German-speaking part of Europe, the history of the state of Saxony spans more than a millenium. It has been a medieval duchy, an electorate of the Holy Roman Empire, a kingdom, and twice republic. From the 1920 Fed. Census there were 8 to 14 Rottinghaus families living in KS., 1 to 2 families in MN. & IL., 3 to 7 families in IN.

STALLBAUMER

Southern German (Wuttemberg) topographical name from Middle High German stalbourn 'mature tree' framing post. Bearers of surname in Germany are found predominantly in the area of Biberach an der Riss, which is located between the Danube and Lake Constance. In the 1920 Fed. Census, 6 to 8 families were living in KS. and from 1 to 2 families were living in NE. & N.M..

LEHMAN & LEHMANN

Can be spelled Lehmann, it can be a German status name for a feudal tenant or vassal. A vassal was one who held land from a feudal lord and received protection in return for homage and allegiance. MHG..lehman, lenman (from lehen 'to hold land, as a feudal tenant plus man 'man') The tenant held land on loan for the duration of his life in return for rent or service, but was not free to transfer or divide it. The Jewish origin of this name from Western Ashkenazic, meant an identical Jewish personal name of uncertain origin.

In the 1920 Fed. Census living in the U.S. is the following breakdown of Lehman families: between 1 & 140 families were living in the states of WA., OR., ID., MT., WY., NV., UT., AZ., N.M., OK., KS., TX., CO., NE., N.D., S.D., MN., IA., MO., AR., LA., MS., TN., KY., AL., GA., FL., S.C., N.C., W.V., VA., N.H., ME., MA., R.I., CT. & MD. Between 420 & 838 families lived in OH., PA. & N.Y.

Under the Lehmann spelling in the 1920 Fed. Census there were between 1 & 28 families living in WA., OR., ID., MT., NE., S.D., N.D., KS., OK., N.M., CO., UT., LA., MS., AL., GA., FL., IN., KY., W.V., VA., H.H., ME., MA., MD. & IN. Between 29 & 83 families living in MN., IA., MO., MI., OH., PA., N.J., CA. & TX. Between 84 & 166 families were living in WI., IL. & N.Y.

Middle High German

Middle High German (MHG), Mittelhochdeutsch is the term used for the period in the history of the 1350 German language between 1050 & 1350. It is preceded by Old High German and followed by Early New High German. In some uses, the term covers a longer period going up to 1500.

STRAHM

German topographical name from MHG word...Stram, or a strip of land. In the 1920 Fed. Census there were between 1 & 6 Strahm families living in WA., OR., CA., TX., OK., MO., IA., WI., IL., LA., MS., MI. & N.Y. From 7 to 17 families living in IN. & PA. and between 18 & 34 families living in KS. & OH.

HANNI

Three sons of Johann and Elizabeth Blauer Hanni of Schoren, Canton Bern, Switzerland emigrated to the United States. On May 21, 1868, Gottlieb and John Frederick Hanni arrived at New York City on the steamer S.S. Saxonia. Gottlieb was 29 and John Frederick's age was given as 28 on

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the passenger list. Also on board this sailing vessel were these three brothers-in-law of John Frederick: Samuel, Abraham and Jacob Blauer, who were the brothers of his wife.

John F. Hanni returned to Switzerland because his wife and son had stayed behind. He apparently came to the U.S. to look the land over before bringing his family to live in America. On the April 5, 1872, John F. Hanni and his family left Schoren for America on board the steamer Holsatia. It ported 19 days later at New York City, April 24. By this time, he and his wife Anna had the following three children: John, Anna and Rosa.

On the same trip, John's older brother Christian and Christian's son, Rudolph, came as well. Christian's wife had died in 1865, the year Rudolph was born. The three Hanni brothers, Gottlieb, Christian and John F. came to live in Nemaha CO., KS., settling near Bern in Washington Twshp. A nephew of theirs, Rudolph, the youngest son of their brother, Samuel, came to live first near Bern, KS. Then he married a girl from Yoakum, TX. and that is where that family ended up.

The information on the earlier Hanni families was furnished by Louis J. Hanni, Neufelstra 7A, 3604 Thun, Switzerland. He

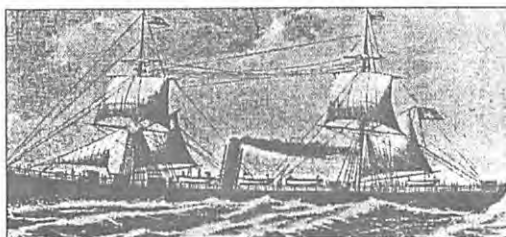
is the son of Jacob Hanni, whose father was the aforementioned Samuel. An old register of 1567 shows the family name of Hanni living in Strattligen, Switzerland. The Hanni family is

one of the oldest families in Strattligen. The old family names still are used as street names. Since around 1760 on such name is Hannisweg, or Hanni Way. The original dwelling place for the Hanni name is documented on the old map of the Thun area. "Bei Hannis" meaning by Hanni's is marked with a box around it.

The picture of the Hanni coat-of-arms was contributed to the Hanni Family book where this information came from by Louis J. Hanni. He reported that the name, "Hanni" is an abridgment, or condensed form of "Johannes". In the 1880 Fed. Census, 10 to 18 Hanni families lived in Kansas compared to from 1 to 2 in the same census in 1920.



S.S. SAXONIA, 1857 Hamburg-American Line



S.S. HOLSATIA, 1868 Hamburg-American Line

Part IV of Nemaha County Surnames continues in the next Pioneer Press

Sources used for Part III Nemaha CO. Surnames in order were Wikipedia, Ancestry.Com & Sabetha's Mary Cotton Public Library's Genealogy Collection.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 8, 2014 QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Raymond Thieme, Freda Dobbins, Joyce Olberding, Lilian Engelken, Diane Rottinghaus, Richard Schmitz, Eugene Visser, Lois Visser, Robert Ackerman, Alma Ackerman, Patty Byers, Greg Newlin & Cathy Holthaus. The Jan. 14, 2014 Quarterly Meeting minutes and quarterly financial report were approved as submitted.

Cathy Holthaus discussed the N.C.H.S. soda fountain housed in her Coffee Haus, which is currently not operational and she cannot afford to purchase new parts for it. A decision was not reached at this time following discussion by the board should Holthaus decided to get rid of it.

P. Byers reported on a Highway 36 billboard that will feature the county's historical jail. Under clarification regarding the Revised N.C.H.S. By-Laws, the board roster was found to be correct; in regard to Quarterly Meetings no specific months should be set for them in the By-Laws; a decision was made to not hold an annual meeting in 2014 with the next annual meeting to be held Feb. 2015; terms of Board of Director members were discussed with 3 to be replaced currently & 4 more are to be replaced at end of 2014 with a nominating committee to be appointed at July meeting with names of replacement directors to be presented & voted on at Oct. meeting. New directors will take office Jan. 1, 2015.

REPORTS: F. Dobbins noted that the Bancroft Museum will reopen for the season over Memorial weekend. (For those details please refer to Page 5 of this issue.) D. Rottinghaus reported that we have 3 great volunteers that join D.P. Murphy & M. Steinlage on Tuesdays. She also reminded the group that work needs to be done still on Golf Classic set for June 7. Membership Chairman, A. Ackerman requested clarification and approval to accept \$10 memberships received before Dec. 31, 2014 as current until Dec. 31, 2015. J. Olberding reported that memorials to be used toward the Temple of Honor had been received for Harold Mitchell, Dan Kohake & Arlene Schmitz. She also presented an estimate for \$219 for a walnut plaque recognizing T.O.H. Donors which was approved by a vote. G. Newlin reported a transplanted rose bush had been destroyed by a snow plow on museum property. R. Ackerman reported on talks he has had with city on water pipes at T.O.H., plus insulation tape used to cover pipes under old jail from freezing. P. Byers reported that D.A. Rial had applied for a S.T.E.P. Foundation Grant for security upgrades, filed a grant from the H.P.P. To help fund roof restoration and applied to designate T.O.H. as an "Endangered Place" for state & federal assistance.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion ensued over security measures at T.O.H. and submitted estimates. R. Schmitz will have info on Tractor Cruise at next meeting. R. Thieme presented flyers for Golf Classic encouraging members to distribute. Each director was asked to get a team to play in the Golf Tourney. A. Ackerman presented an invoice from Janet Hicks for website development & hosting that she has donated to the N.C.H.S. The spring/summer museum hours were discussed with no decision made at this time. G. Newlin read a portion taken from the Pioneer Press on our special June 12 speaker Dave Calwell and the potluck supper that is to take place before his presentation.

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DAVID W. CALWELL
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A descendant of parents born in Wetmore, Dave, himself was born in Topeka, KS. in February 1937. Shortly after his birth, his father, who at the time was an employee of the Rock Island R.R. moved the family to Washington D.C to accept a position with the newly formed Railroad Retirement Board. Soon afterwards he was



reassigned to the Wichita, KS. R.R.B. District Office, and this is where Dave grew up enrolling in Wichita University following high school in 1955. In 1959 he enlisted in the U.S. Army serving 4 years on active duty in the personnel dept. of the Regular Army. Upon discharge in 1962, he moved to the Kansas City area where at first he was a Sante Fe Railroad CO. employee at the Argentine Yard office facility before he was soon moved to

the General Claim Dept. in Topeka as a General Claim Agent. As a Field Claim Agent, over the next few years, his position rotated between K.C and Topeka a few times until he was promoted to Dist. Claim Agent in Topeka supervising field claim agents in the following states: Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri & Illinois, an area known primarily as the Sante Fe Eastern Lines Grand Division. Over the years, several promotions followed with his last position being Asst. General Claim Manager at the time of his retirement in Jan. 1996.

It was during his free time and beginning in about 1966 that he was active in the Topeka Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society holding various positions including president. As a volunteer with Topeka's Ward-Meade Park Historical Society, he spearheaded the acquisition of the old Sante Fe Depot at Pauline, KS. organizing a volunteer group to completely restore this structure when it was moved to the Old Town part of the park's permanent display. Through his continued and tireless efforts, David assumed the responsibility for maintenance and gathering period pieces to completely furnish the interior of this 1900 structure, and then worked as a docent volunteer giving tours of this historic building. Additionally he secured and supervised the moving and placement of a Sante Fe Railroad caboose to the park. In another part of Topeka, at Gage Park, he worked as a volunteer Locomotive Engineer of the Mini-train on the weekends giving rides to the public. This association with the Topeka Parks & Rec. Dept. evolved him being appointed as the Railroad Consultant to the city to insure that all railroad replications that were done would be authentic.


After serving 14 years as a volunteer with Topeka Railroad Days, he was active in the restoration of Topeka's Old Union Pacific Station becoming a tour guide when it was opened to the public in 2004. Consisting of several cars of rolling stock donated to North Topeka's Great Overland Station, David was instrumental in not only the securement of these from the estate of his old friend Marvin Robertson in 2010, but responsible for the restoration of an old 1910 Sante Fe wooden depot brought to Topeka from Welda, KS.

At the request of the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, David gives presentations on railroad history to many groups all over our state and I am pleased to announce that we have secured him to speak at the Nemaha CO. Historical Society Museum in Seneca, KS. on thursday evening, June 12 at 7:00. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00 before and it is suggested that those wishing to dine with us as well as attend this free-to-the-public event must bring their own table-service and a cold, or hot dish. Non-alcoholic beverages will be furnished by the N.C.H.S.

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PART V
THE CONTINUATION OF THE BANK
ROBBERY AT MERCIER IN BROWN CO. KS.
ONEIDA FARM YOUTHS IDENTIFIED BY CASHIER J. P. SULLIVAN
AS RAIDERS OF FARMER'S STATE BANK

NOTES OF THE CHASE
Continued

W. G. Kelley, with a load of passengers including Frayne C. Andler and W. L. Simpson, was one of the first Horton men to reach Mercier after word of the robbery had been received in Horton.

Heck Moser and a group of Powhattan vigilantes and a part of Horton vigilantes met at an intersection on Highway 75, and each started to hold up the other, thinking they were the bandits.

At about 3 o'clock there was a large group of vigilantes from all over the county congregated at Fairview, the trail apparently having been lost. It was a short while later that the Woodlawn report came in.

"Coon" Schuetz thought he had wounded one of the bandits when he fired a shotgun at the car as they were leaving Mercier, for one man put his arm up to his face as if he had been shot, but neither showed any wounds after being arrested.

E. F. Trompeter, after seeing the pictures of the younger Bowman, says he was in the Bank of Horton Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock to get change for a ten dollar bill, and asked to have the change in nine one dollar bills and two fifty cent pieces. Mrs. Minnie Preston also remembers him being in the bank.

A party of Horton men, including Claiborne Rick, W. L. Simpson, F. G. Andler and Wes McManigal, thought they had found something hot when, tracing car tracks that went around a corner with a wide skid, they saw Clyde McManigal's car parked crosswise in the road ahead. They got out, fired several shots, but discovered the car had been abandoned. They then learned from neighbors they were only a few minutes behind in the chase, that the bandits had gotten in another car and driven north.

Clyde McManigal's car was parked in front of his residence in Horton Tuesday morning, and Clyde, who was at home, saw someone drive it away, but thought Charles Lanyon had borrowed it. A few minutes later Mr. Lanyon came in the house, and Clyde realized the car had been stolen. He immediately called Chief of Police W. L. Clark, who notified peace officers in the neighboring towns. Clyde drove as far as Netawaka in search of the car before 1 o'clock, but at that time was convinced that the car was indeed gone, and made no effort to locate it. Had he gone to Mercier in the search he would have probably found it at about the time the robbery took place.

YOUNGER BOWMAN CONFESSES
But Sam Bowman Denies Bank Robbery
Although Fully Identified.

Noah Bowman, younger of the two Oneida farmers who held up the Mercier Bank Tuesday confessed to County Attorney Lloyd B. Miller at Hiawatha Wednesday afternoon, after Sheriff Mellenbruch and others had found nearly \$600.00 of the loot in a can on the Bowman farm.

Bowman admitted his part in the robbery, but refused to name his companion. He said he decided to rob a bank because he wanted to "try something big". He decided he would rob another bank after getting out of the penitentiary.

His older brother, Sam Bowman, denies taking part in the robbery, although identified by Justin Sullivan. Sam has served a previous sentence in the reformatory, and therefore would be subject to sentence under the habitual criminal act, if convicted.

It is understood that the father of the two boys owns 1,600 acres of land and the brothers "bached" in an eight room house, equipped with a bathroom, running water and electric lights. Searchers found a still in the basement.

This brings to an end of Part V of the Mercier Bank Robbery, but since this has been running some new developments have come to my attention and that will be in Part VI in the next Pioneer Press.

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NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

SENECA MASONIC TEMPLE

Built in 1917 and dedicated Jan. 1, 1918, the regal-looking Seneca Masonic Temple at 33 North Sixth Street is a detached Classical Revival style institutional building facing the west. The one story, stucco building has a rectangular form with side bays projecting north and south built upon a raised brick tile basement with two

more hidden levels above the main floor. The building has a three-bay front with a monumental central entrance flanked by small ornamental leaded glass windows and wooden double hung windows with ornamental leaded glass with small basement hatch windows extending along at ground level. There are paired ornamental wooden entrance doors with leaded glass glazed panels. Other ornamentation



includes the pediment entrance portico on four columns with the name "Masonic Temple" set in metal letters in the frieze. The entrance has concrete steps with flanking brick piers. The north and south facades have a central recessed panel with paired flat columns flanking small wooden windows.

Presently, the massive stained leaded glass windows high up in the temple walls are covered with plexus-glass to protect them from hail damage but still have retained their elegant hues. The original roof was flat and sealed with half lap asphalt. The walls are hollow red clay tile made by the Seneca Shale Brick Works Co. and built by local contractor Shaul & Assenmacher, who were locally responsible for the construction of the Seneca City Hall, Eley Hardware and Dr. Thomson's office building. Regionally, the firm of Shaul & Assenmacher constructed 10 public buildings in Nebraska as well as 12 federal post offices.

After the Masonic Temple was gifted in 2011 to the Nemaha County Historical Society, it became the home for the organizations military museum. Information for the above article was written by Darl Ann Rial in her application on behalf of the N.C.H.S. for Endangered Place status.

PIONEER REMEDY

Adam Schmitt's Hair Tonic

Combine 2 drams gum Benzoin,
4 ounces Caster Oil,
1 quart alcohol,
and shake well together.

Add 1 dram each Oil of Lavender & Oil of Bergamot,
30 drops each of Oil of Cloves, Oil of Rosemary,
Oil of Lemon & Oil Neroli.

Add ½ ounce Tincture of Cantharides
and shake well to cut the oils.

Adam Schmitt, son of John and Anna Maria Jaeger Schmitt was born March 19, 1843 in Madison CO., Illinois. His parents had immigrated to America from Germany in 1840 and made their home in a German settlement near Troy, Illinois. Adam was about 12 years old when the family moved to Brown CO. in the Kansas Territory. His father and three uncles had traveled through the area on the St. Joe Road feeder trail when they went to California in the gold rush. Adam's father, John, was among the first settlers along Walnut Creek at what was to become Padonia just north of present-day Hiawatha in Brown CO., KS.

Adam married Polly Ann Hampton and bought a farm east of Fairview in Brown CO. where they lived until the early 1900's when the family moved to Arkansas City, KS. Polly and Adam were the parents of nine children. Adam used the above remedy to keep his hair from turning gray.

Remedy was provided by Adam's Great, great nephew Lyle Hinz of Hiawatha, KS. for the 2001 B.C.G.S. Publication Remedies & Recipes of Our Brown County Ancestors compiled & originally published by Greg Newlin.

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

Reported by Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot Museum will open for its 2014 Summer season on Memorial Day weekend. Saturday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m. there will be a gathering for the re-opening of the museum. Those attending will enjoy cookies and lemonade while touring the museum exhibits until 4 p.m. If not able to join the Saturday event, the museum will be open from 2 - 4 on Sunday afternoon when the picnic will be held. Everyone is invited to join the fun evening of music by supporters of the museum, likely including Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, the Bonjour brothers, Steve Wilkerson and Jim Baxter. Karen Williver, the 'hat lady' will be presenting a short program. Grab your chairs, some food to share and come to enjoy the shade and the music! The museum will provide table service, hot dogs and fixings, drinks and homemade ice cream.

The normal hours for the museum to be open will be 2 to 4 every Sunday afternoon from Memorial Day weekend through the end of September. Special hours can be arranged by calling 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197. The museum can be reached by taking KS. Highway NO. 9 west of Goff to KS. Highway NO. 62 and turn left (south) and proceed 3 miles to 24th Rd., turn left (east) and continue 3 miles to 24th to the junction with 'S' Rd. The museum is just east of this intersection. Do plan to pay us a visit & bring the family or a friend this year to the Bancroft Depot Museum.

WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART V

The lower floors of Lipman Meyer's hall which housed delegates meeting of the Wyandotte Convention were originally used as a warehouse and old citizens used to tell of how great cargoes of merchandise brought up the Missouri River on steamboats would deposit their goods there that were bound for distribution in the Kansas Territory. The upper floors of this warehouse were known as the "hall" used for public gatherings and for meetings of secret societies. It was the regular meeting place of the Whangdoodles, a celebrated fraternal association in those early territory days, whose purpose was to promote pain. This lodge had been originally organized by Wyandotte Indian Jean Chaffee, who got the idea in California. It was said that the Whangdoodles had a large tin bathtub, in which new members were initiated. The tub was pulled across the floor many times with a long rope until the tin on the bottom became heated from the friction on the floor which made the person being initiated suffer.

Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO. 452.

PART III PHYSICAL FACTS OF NEMAHA COUNTY IN 1875

A survey taken of the land in 1875 indicated that 10% of the total acreage was in bottom land, whereas upland composed 90%, with forested land at 3% and the prairie with its rolling hills encompassed 97%. The average width of bottom land consisted of about a mile. Back in the county's very earliest days, bottom land was the only area used for farming. It was not until another 50 years had passed that farming left the bottom lands to the upland areas which possessed a greater standard of productivity. In those early days, stands of hickory, oak, hackberry, elm, walnut, cottonwood, ash, locust and sycamore timber grew in areas called timber belts that averaged about a half-mile in width. Much of this wood had been locally harvested for lumber and firewood. However, hundreds of railroad cars containing walnut were shipped to Europe to decorate castles and palaces of kings, princes and potentates of the Old World.

Source: Taken in part from the History of Nemaha CO., KS. by Ralph Tennal, published in 1916.

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PART II LIFE & TIMES OF THE EDITORS & PUBLISHERS OF NEMAHA COUNTY'S FIRST NEWSPAPERS

A printer by trade, John P. Cone arrived in the boomtown of Sumner in Atchison CO. on December 9, 1857 and he helped get out his brother's newspaper. He remained in Sumner during the next four years, or until 1861. Sumner was then losing its prestige, and he went to Atchison, the rival town, and worked on John A. Martin's paper, *The Champion*. After a short service on that paper, Mr. Cone continued onto White Cloud and worked for Sol Miller on his *White Cloud Chief*, which was later transferred to Troy. Cone was with the *Chief* in White Cloud for one winter.

At Marysville, KS. the Southern Sympathizers seemed to be making progress toward controlling that locality. But George D. Swearingen, who had been elected Sheriff of Marshall County was a Republican, and he sent for Mr. Cone. The result was the publication in Marysville by Mr. Cone of the *Big Blue Union*, the first Republican paper in Marshall CO. Cone ran the *Union* until the Summer of 1863, and in November of that year, he left the Marysville paper to start the *Courier* in Seneca. He had only a little hand press and a handful of type. Later, though, when he was given legal advertising from the United States and the State of Kansas, he took in a hat full of money, and the first thing he did was to send to New York for a Gordon job press and a lot of type.

Mr. Cone ran the *Courier* until 1871, when he sold it to Frank Root and West E. Wilkinson. Eventually Root sold his interest to Wilkinson. Wilkinson edited the *Courier* until 1885, selling out to J. F. Thompson and Don J. Perry. It was about this time that the name was changed to the *Courier-Democrat*. Mr. Thompson was the father of Kansas Senator William H. Thompson. The partnership of Thompson and Perry lasted but a year, being succeeded in 1886 by Charles H. and Andrew P. Herold. Herold conducted the *Courier-Democrat* without change until 1896. Then J. M. Cober bought an interest in the paper, selling in a few years to L. M. McIntyre. Herold and McIntyre disposed of the property to W. F. Miller sometime in 1891 or 1892. Miller did well with the *Courier-Democrat*, but decided to move to Iowa, and George and Dora Adriance, brother and sister, bought the plant in August 1909.

The *Courier-Democrat* had made the greatest strides in its history during the years that George and Miss Dora Adriance ran it. With the influence of their youth, these two were active, enterprising keen writers, who were the driving force that took a positive stand for progress in just about everything. Their editorials indicated that their paper was always fair in every issue. As siblings, they made their home together in a bungalow that they had built.

In 1919, the Seneca newspapers known as the *Tribune* consolidated with the *Courier-Democrat* creating the *Courier-Tribune*, then in 1919 the *Seneca Times* became a part of the *Courier-Tribune*. A couple of years following the death of George Adriance in 1942, Dora and George's widow Florence sold their interest to nephew Jay Adriance in January 1946. Jay had been on the staff since 1930 and had just recently taken over as managing editor following the death of George. In the late 1960's, Jay sold the paper to Larry Miller and the current publisher Dan Diehl became the managing editor for Miller. In 1971, Dan and Janet Diehl purchased the paper from Miller. Since 2007, with his father Dan Diehl as publisher, presently Matt Diehl serves as editor of the *Seneca Courier-Tribune*.

This publication has the distinction of being the second oldest continuous newspaper in the State of Kansas, as well as the oldest in the same locale. With moves from its birthplace in White Cloud to Troy and now Wathena, the *Kansas Chief*, holds the title of being the oldest based only upon when it was established. Resources for this article came from the *History of Nemaha CO., KS.*, by Ralph Tennal, Pub. 1916 and from the *Seneca Courier-Tribune* editor Matt Diehl.

Continuation of

SENECA'S SHALE BRICK INDUSTRY

George Shaul then organized the company of local men to undertake the manufacture of brick and tile. As usual in the launching of similar enterprises in a city like Seneca, there were many who were skeptical, declaring that such a venture would only meet with failure but due to the fact that there were citizens who saw promise in this, the necessary capital became available. Actually these pessimistic

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SENECA'S SHALE BRICK INDUSTRY

souls were not too far off as this plant had an old style kiln with a heavy fuel capacity, and with this came real waste. This waste was the doom of this venture and production was not about to show any success.

When the company's fortunes were at their lowest and the stockholder's complaints were incessant, failure was indeed likely. Shaul, an industrious contractor erecting a building in Lincoln, Nebraska at that time met a skilled clayworker by the name of K. W. Klose, who had just set up a brick manufacturing plant in Seattle which had unfortunately been destroyed by a landslide. It was 1911 and based upon the fact that Klose had no longer any visible ties to Seattle, Shaul convinced him to come to Seneca and to not only take an interest in this company but to run it as well. Despite the landslide, the Seattle company had been experiencing much success due to an inexpensive and practical process perfected by Klose.

German born Klose had perfected what became known as the Klose Continuous Tunnel Kiln and because of its scientific approach through the use of a simple conveying system in the curing of shale brick it had not only excited brick men in all parts of the New and Old World but was written up extensively in a trade journal entitled The Brick & Clay Record.

After Klose re-built the new plant at Seneca, it became an economical success and 14 identical systems were built throughout the nation. The Seneca location was soon producing as many as 20,000 bricks per day which were used to build the Hiawatha High School in 1915, as well as used in the construction of public schools in Seneca, Marysville and Colorado.

A good portion of this came from the History of Nemaha County, Kansas by Ralph Tennal.

NEMAHA COUNTY SURNAMES PART IV**HEINEN**

Of German/Dutch origin, Heinen, is a name that came from a paternal ancestor, or from Hein. In the 1880 U.S. Federal Census 47% of all Heinens were farmers compared to 35% with general public jobs. 1882 more Heinen's immigrated to America than at any other time in their immigration history. Out of 17 individual male Heinen's that enlisted in 1860, 17 served with the Union Army and 4 with the Confederacy.

From the 1920 U. S. Federal Census between 28 and 54 Heinen families lived in Minnesota and Illinois. Between 10 and 27 Heinen families lived in the following states: KS., TX., N.D., WI., IA., MO., N.Y. & PA. Between 1 and 9 Heinen families lived in the following states: WA., OR., CA., UT., ID., MT., S.D., NE., OK., AR., IN., MI., OH., LA., KT., W.V. & N.C.

HOLTHAUS

Of Northern German origin, Holt means small wood and haus means house...small wood house. Someone who lived by a copse, or thicket is the Mid Low German translation for Holthaus. In the American Civil War, there were 7 individuals with this surname who served for the Union Army and 1 for the Confederacy. In the 1880 U. S. Federal Census 16% were farmers, 10% were homemakers, 6% were laborers and 3% were bakers & confectioners. A year later saw the largest immigration to America take place for immigrants with this surname. In the 1920 U. S. Federal Census between 13 and 24 Holthaus families lived in the following states: IA., MO., OH. & MD. Between 5 and 12 Holthaus families lived in the following states: NE., KS., MN., WI., IL., IN., KY., PA. & MA. Between 1 and 4 Holthaus families lived in the following states: OR., CA., TX., CO., N.Y., MI., TN., VA. & N.C.

EDELMAN

There are 5,897 immigration records for Edleman, which has been spelled Adelman, and it is of German origin and Jewish (Ashkenazic), when it is spelled Edelmann. It is an ornamental name, the prefix edel meaning noble, splendid or fine. In the 1920 U. S. Federal Census there were between 126 and 299 Edelman families living in PA. & N.Y.. For the same census between 1 and 42 Edelman families lived in the following states: WA., OR., CA., NV., AZ., WY., CO., S.D., NE., KS., OK., TX., MN., IA., MO., AR., LA., WI., MI., IN., OH., KY., TN., AL., GA., S.C., W.V., ME., CT., DE., MD., N.J., MA. & R.I.

SCHMITZ

Of German Rhineland origin it is a variant or patronymic form of Schmidt. From the New York Harbor passenger lists, 1,051 immigrants came from Germany, 190 from Prussia, 22 from Belgium, 20 from Babaria, 20 from Sweden and 18 from France and most of these arrived in America in 1881. In the 1880 Federal Census: 32% were occupied as farmers, 5% were laborers, 4% housekeepers & 3% were carpenters by trade. In the 1920 U. S. Federal Census between 171 to 339 Schmitz families lived in MN., WI., IL. & N.Y. From 58 to 170 Schmitz families lived in CA., NE., IA., MD., OH., PA. & N.J. From 1 to 57 Schmitz families lived in the following states: WA., OR., ID., MT., N.D., S.D., WY., CO., UT., AZ., N.M., KS., OK., TX., AR., LA., MS., KY., TN., W., VA., GA., AL., FL., IN., MI., ME., MA., N.J., CT., DE' AND MD.

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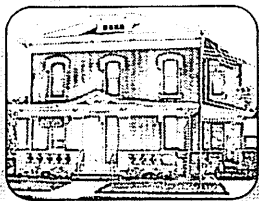
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SUMMER BOARD ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED

There have been four major meetings so far this summer and quite frankly if I published everyone of those they would make up the entire publication, Secretary Darl Ann Rial has been kind enough to outline the following highlights of them:

Board Membership: Karen Holthaus was elected to fill the unexpired term left of Board Member Albert Dean Rial. At her retirement, volunteer Dorothy Pearl Murphy was feted for her many years of service.

Bancroft Museum: Freda Dobbins reported that the Bancroft Depot Museum opening and picnic were a success even though they had rain. The museum will be open on all Sundays through out the summer from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Tours: Twenty-five visitors and eight groups have booked tours at both museums and the Hand Dug Well.

Appreciation Open House: President Anita Heiman gave a short report on the Appreciation Open House at the Military Museum held on June 25, 2014, for sponsors and participants of the successful golf tournament fundraiser.

Night at the Museum: N.C.H.S. would sponsor two evening programs per year. Special Speaker Dave Calwell presided over a delightful evening at the museum on June 12th. The next scheduled Evening at the Museum will be held on Wed., September 24, with Jill Frese and Joel Meyer of Manhattan, KS., presenting a program on "History of Mourning Etiquette".

Car Show: Doug Ackerman thanked Raymond Thieme and Anita Heiman for helping with the Veterans recognition at the Car Show on July 27. Doug also thanked the group for working the Snow Cone booth. In addition, Anita Heiman, Alma Ackerman and Joyce Olberding served rolls and coffee from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. before the Car Show.

Membership: Alma Ackerman reported dues are \$10 for an individual yearly membership, \$200 for an individual lifetime membership and \$20 for a business membership. Alma noted that due date for these membership fees will coincide with our new fiscal year, from January through December. Any dues that come in this summer will be good through December 2014, and thereafter dues will extend through December 2015.

Memorials: Bob Ackerman reported that the Harold Mitchell Memorial will pay for brass plaques mounted on 14" by 14" granite squares. These plaques will identify the M7 Priest and the Ordinance Rifle in front of the Mil Mus. Joyce Olberding is working on a list of donors to the Mil Mus. for the memorial plaque.

Computer Tech & Research: Janet Hicks is updating the new museum website and Dale Olberding has been serving as computer tech.

Lawn Care & Landscaping: Greg Newlin has trimmed and moved shrubs as well as perennials. Diane Rottinghaus and Eldon Olberding have mowed the lawn several times, and the N.C.H.S. has paid \$25 a week twice to have the lawn mowed.

Building Security & Maintenance: B. Ackerman reported on the progress of security measures at both the military and historical museums. S.T.E.P. Community Foundation grant will offset some of the expenses. Bob also reported the stained glass windows in the Mil. Mus. have been covered with plexiglass, and electrical outlets installed on both interior sides of the basement.

Roof Restoration: Faith Roofing of Topeka has been contracted to restore the roof of the Temple of Honor Military Museum building to the original design. This restoration will allow the building to be a contribution in the Seneca Main Street District and qualify for historic grants.

Tractor Cruise: Coordinator Richard Schmitz organized a successful 30 mile cruise of 25 tractors from Seneca down Hwy. 63 to Hammes Seed for lunch and then to Centralia. Nemaha CO. Coop provided a fried chicken dinner to the drivers upon their return to Seneca at 5 p.m..

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

The Bancroft Depot Museum has had a successful summer season. On Memorial Day weekend, May 24 to 26, was the re-opening of the museum for the summer. Several people from the NE. Kansas area stopped to visit and view the exhibits. On Saturday, May 31st. The Jackson Heights Alumni F.F.A. sponsored a tractor drive. Approximately 30 tractors and 45 drivers, riders and support people arrived about 2:30 that afternoon to enjoy and learn about the museum, while taking advantage of the shade from the various trees on the grounds. Jim Dobbins provided a brief history of the museum and answered questions from the group.

The Annual Picnic was on Sunday, June 22nd and there was a good crowd gathered to enjoy the music and preparing to enjoy the picnic. However, an unplanned rain and wind storm arrived just as the first of the gathering were starting to fill their plates. After everyone retreated to their vehicles during what became a heavy rain, the clouds parted. The group moved the picnic in to the Sunday School room of the church across the road. After enjoying the indoor picnic, including the homemade ice cream, the group moved to the sanctuary to hear the presentation of Karen Elliver, the "hat lady". She had many hats to share and the group enjoyed hearing the stories related to each.

The normal hours of the Museum being open to the public is from 2 to 4 every Sunday afternoon from Memorial Day weekend through the end of September. Special hours can be arranged by calling 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197. Make plans today to make a visit to the local Bancroft Depot Museum!

DAVID W. CALWELL PRESENTING RAILROAD HISTORY OF KANSAS

On Thursday, June 12, those in attendance in the Annex I of the N.C.H.S. museum were treated to not only a good meal but a well presented program on Kansas railroad history by Dave Calwell. Dressed in the uniform of a Santa Fe Railroad Conductor, Mr. Calwell had the attention of everyone with a presentation of interesting stories and facts. As my first cousin, there were no doubts in my mind that he would not do a fine job as he has an ability to draw his audience into this or any fascinating topic by asking questions and telling stories about each of the railroad antiques from his collection on display. I am sorry that not everyone could make it to this event but Rainbow Communications did record it and we have received an number of positive comments from the Seneca community. This man has made many contacts and from one of them he received the wax seal of the Seneca, KS. Depot which he presented to us and is now in our museum. In addition, he presented to me the railroad depot pictures seen below.

Because of him, we plan to do more of these evening at the museum presentations and our next will be held Wednesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. on the history of Mourning Etiquette presented by Manhattan, KS. residents Jill Frese and Joel Meyer.



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ALBERT DEAN RIAL

December 12, 1934 – April 25, 2014



As the only child born to Agnes Lucille Perkins Rial and Robert Worford Rial at Evansville, IN., Dean earned a double degree at Texas A. & M. in Petroleum & Geological Engineering in 1956. He served his country in the U.S. Army and established a reputable career in the petroleum industry, but we are always going to remember him for his easy going yet professional manner that he served as a N.C.H.S. Board Member and respected member of this community. Whether it was working for he and Darl Ann on their landscape, serving on the N.C.H.S. Board or engaged in a lively conversation, personally I have already felt the void left

by the lack of this man's presence in my life. I can truly say with great conviction that we will all miss him in our lives but can rest assured knowing that after all of his health concerns that he is truly in a better place in the arms of his savior. Albert Dean Rial, I dedicate this Pioneer Press to your memory.

Editor
Greg Newlin

THE CONCLUSION TO THE BANK ROBBERY AT MERCIER IN BROWN CO., KS.

I take pride in being able to find out previously unknown facts. This story has stirred some interest as well as increasing our membership. We even had an anonymous letter from a family member criticizing me for printing this story, however one of the most intriguing things that really only a native of Nemaha County can appreciate is that it was not the Bowman, but the Bauman brothers. Apparently back when this happened, a reporter in Brown CO. phonetically spelled it as he thought he heard it. As all of us historians and genealogists know, how names got spelled was definitely something to watch out for in research. The two spellings are really only similar phonetically. I learned recently from a resident of Sabetha who originally grew up out near Oneida that after the brothers were released from prison, Noah went to make a new life for himself in Colorado and the other brother, Sam started a restaurant in the late 1940's in Seneca on Main Street called Mel's Place. Now, this is something you will not find in any local history book.

WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, PART VI

At the beginning of the American Civil War, Lipman Meyer's Hall that had served as the home of the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention also served as a place for troops to meet and drill. No one knows for sure if it was the excessive drilling, or what caused part of the building to collapse. A few years later, when the Kansas division of the Union Pacific Railway was built west of Wyandotte, that part of the building left standing became the headquarters and terminal station for the railroad. It was decorated with a large sign that read, "Union Pacific Railway Company, E.D." (E.D. stood for Eastern Division.) A fire that totally destroyed the building took place there sometime afterward allowing a grain elevator to be built upon the site which was one of the largest in the state of Kansas operated by the Chicago-Great Western Railway, which continues to occupy the site.

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KELLY FAMILY REUNION

By Gloria Cathcart

September 6 – 7, 2014

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The Kelly ancestors migrated from Scotland to the area north of Seneca known as Scotch Valley 145 years ago in 1869. The descendants, as well as great, great grandmother, Agnes Gregg Kelly, her brother James Gregg and his wife, a daughter, grandchildren and many other family relatives were buried in the Scotch Valley Cemetery 8 miles north of present-day Seneca, KS. and 1 mile west on the northeast corner of 216th Street & J Road. Because she had not had any formal marker, in April 2013 descendants of Agnes had a gravestone erected. Since none of the present descendants live in Kansas, they were pleased to have the stone of her daughter, Sarah updated and some minor repairs made to other stones working through Nemaha CO. and a local installer. This activity has greatly motivated them to get together this Fall.

There plan is to spend time on Sept. 6 at Scotch Valley Cemetery, then locating/visiting the farms of at least four of the children of Agnes Gregg Kelly. Most of the descendants will be staying at the Settle Inn and have reserved a meeting room there for that evening. This will be a time for a program and informal visiting. There will be a presentation about the Kelly family prior to coming to Kansas, and one about those involved in duty toward their new adopted country (especially since it is the 100th anniversary of WWI) with displays on the family.

Providing them with much needed information, in their possession for this event is a copy of the booklet, entitled Scotch Valley 1857 to 1970 compiled by Mabel Ord and others. Some of them have visited the Seneca area in the past, while for others this will be a new experience. Not really expecting a large group, there will be family members representing the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Missouri, Kansas plus a few from Alberta, Canada. Three of the children of Agnes Gregg Kelly as well as other family members left Kansas in the early years of 1900 and migrated to Alberta.

HOW THE DOG TAG IDENTIFICATION METHOD BEGAN

Taken in part from the July/Aug. 2014 Family Tree Magazine

August marks the centennial of the start of W.W.I, the first year in which U.S. soldiers, who entered the fight in 1917 went into battle wearing dog tags. This identification innovation reduced the number of unknown soldiers from an estimated 2 or 5 dead in the Civil War to just 2% in W.W.I, or 1,644 unidentified American doughboys.

It was as early as China's Taiping revolt between 1851 and 1866, that soldiers on both sides had worn wooden identification tags attached at the belt with the soldier's name, age, birthplace, unit & date of enlistment. In 1863, General Meade's Union troops pinned on paper ID tags before the Battle of Mine's Run. The carnage of the American Civil War made all too obvious the needs for such a system, especially for Union troops who fell in hostile territory. Of the approximate 300,000 Union dead who were located, exhumed and reinterred in national cemeteries, 54% were classified as "unknown." At Vicksburg National Cemetery, the unknown numbered three-quarters. Only 1% of the 12,126 Union soldiers buried at North Carolina's Salisbury National Cemetery could be identified.

Civil War soldiers resorted to do-it-yourself identification schemes by writing their names on the bottoms of their shoes and on knapsacks, on paper tags pinned to their uniforms and on pieces of wood that dangled from strings about their necks. The soft lead lining of army belt buckles lent itself to scratching crude identification details. Sensing a commercial opportunity even in wartime, vendors began advertising machine stamped "Soldier Pins" in periodicals such as Harper's Weekly.

It was not until 1899, that U.S. Army Chaplain Charles C. Pierce began advocating for a standard "identity disc" in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. Because it was while he was working in a Manila morgue that he observed how soldiers wearing unofficial identification pins were much likelier to be sent home for burial. His recommendation was not adopted until 1906 and was not officially regulation until W.W.I.

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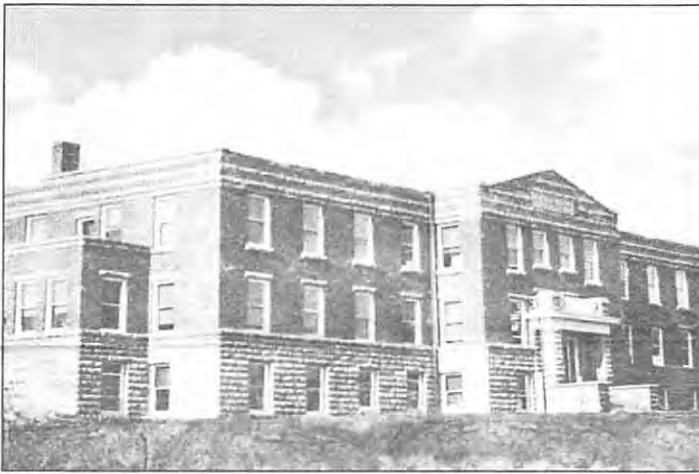
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By 1910, the hospital had outgrown its new location and construction on a suitable, long-term site was begun. Completed in 1911, the brick and stone building housed the latest in medical innovation. To augment his nursing staff, Murdock



started a nurse's training program that taught through clinical experience. The old hospital, or the former Walker home became a living quarters for nurses. Formal nursing education was begun and any reputable physician could use the hospital for the treatment of patients. As the

hospital grew, Dr. Murdock realized he needed an adequately trained staff that would allow him to devote his time to surgery. In 1920, he approached the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, KS. for help. Long dedicated to missions of mercy, the Sisters agreed to take ownership of the hospital and the St. Anthony Murdock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing was born.

At its peak, the hospital had 100 patient beds and averaged 10 to 12 babies born each day; only 18 hospitals in Kansas at that time were larger. The Sisters of St. Anthony are remembered for "running a tight ship". Absolutely nothing was wasted. A barn, just south of the hospital was home to dairy cows whose milk was used for patients. The Sisters also planted a large garden and orchard that were harvested and canned for patient consumption and stored in the hospital's cave. Glass syringes were washed and sterilized between patients. Needles were sharpened with a file and even bandages were thrown in the laundry and reused! This year is the 110 year anniversary of the Sabetha Hospital.

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THE 1860 ELECTION RIOT AT IOWA POINT, KANSAS IN DONIPHAN COUNTY

Taken from the November 23, 1893 Kansas Chief,
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The only politically motivated riot of large dimensions that ever occurred in Northeast Kansas was at Iowa Point for the 1860 election. Back then both Iowa Point and Leavenworth were the largest cities in the Kansas Territory. Generally Iowa Point was strongly Democratic, but the Republicans carried the county by a 100 vote majority. The greatest struggle for supremacy in Doniphan County was for the office of sheriff with the Republican candidate Major George Hough of Elwood running against Democrat Charles Blakely of Iowa Point. After three men came up from the Wolf River with a goodly amount of whiskey there was bound to be trouble.

With the election leaning greatly toward a Republican victory, Iowa Point's Democrat contingency already felt aggressive and insolent threatening to kill some abolitionists. So the whiskey that came into town from somewhere upstream on the Wolf River with a man named Meek, fired the temperament of the following Democrats who supported their candidate Charles Blakely for sheriff: storekeeper Rufus R. Edwards, Tyle Elder, young Charley Blakely, nephew of the candidate, a couple of men named Poteet and several others.

Storekeeper Rufus R. Edwards, who had already been drinking some of the Wolf River whiskey took his election woe frustrations out on William Hedrick with a revolver at the end of his nose. Meanwhile, not realizing what he might be in for, a man named Jesse Horner who ran a saw mill on Rush Island in the Missouri River brought the pump from his engine to be repaired and got caught up in the action. Up until this moment in this riot....revolvers and liquor seemed to be the only weapons of choice until Jesse Horner entered the scene carrying an iron pump. Spying what initially appeared as an ideal weapon, William Hedrick seized the pump from the hands of Horner and waved it menacingly as he chased Rufus Edwards down the street.

Overtaking Edwards, Hedrick dealt such a blow on his head with the pump, that it would have brained him, had it not been that the handle reached beyond him and struck the ground breaking the force of the blow. Having seen this, the mob believed that Edwards had been killed and they chased Hedrick who ran and hid in the Lane & Wagonseller store. Hedrick fell down behind the counter where a few members of the mob had cornered him releasing their anger by kicking and stomping him. However, spying what appeared as new ammunition on the counter top some members of the mob grabbed place settings of Queensware and pelted them down on Hedrick. Coming to Hedrick's aid and rescuing him were William D. Beeler, Jack Beeler, Bolivar Beeler, J.T. Lane, John White and a German named Sponseler, who lived up on the Wolf River.

With Hedrick being rescued, he hurried off upstairs in the Lane & Wagonseller store. The mob was being forced back, when Tyle Elder assaulted Sponseler, who in turn grabbed a scale weight and layed him out. Rushing out of the building, Sponseler ran across the hill being chased by Bill Tracy firing four shots from the revolver, none of which had any lasting affect. Jim Poteet mounted on horseback and armed with a shotgun pursued Sponseler, who still managed to elude them.

The mob attacked James Simpson, knocking him down, stomping and kicking him so badly that he was layed up for sometime afterwards. Appearing on the scene at this time was Charles Blakely, the democrat candidate for sheriff, who managed to pull his friends away and stopped the riot. Of the men who were involved in this affair, many of them died, however of the men on each side who were injured the most managed to live out their lives.

In 1893, James Simpson was still alive on his farm near Fanning; Rufus Edwards, now a Republican went to live in Marysville; all of the Poteets, plus, W.D. Beeler, Jack Beeler, William Hedrick, J.T. Lane and Sponseler are dead. Old Charles Blakely went to live in Denver, CO. and Bill Tracy managed to hang around in Iowa Point. Nothing was known as to the whereabouts of young Charley Blakely, Tyle Elder or that man named Meek who brought the whiskey to Iowa Point.

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Recorded in several forms including Wengen, Wenger, Wenglein, Wenglin, and Wengert, this is a surname of German origins. It is locational, or sometimes topographical and derives from the 7th Century Olde Norse word "weng" meaning sloping meadow. There are numerous places called either Weng or Wengen in Austria, Germany and Switzerland, which have given rise to the surname. Locational surnames by their nature tend to be from names. This is to say that surnames were given to people after they left their original homes and moved elsewhere. This could be the next village or some far away city, but in either case the easiest way to identify a "stranger" was to call him, or sometimes her, by the name of the place from whence they came. Spelling being at best indifferent and local accents very thick, often gave rise to the development of variant or "sounds like" spellings of the surname. In this case, early examples of the name recordings taken from surviving rolls and charters of the medieval period include: Fredericus de Weng of Bayern in 1278, Christian der Wenglin zu Wengen in 1424 and Hans Wenger of Immenstadt in 1451.

HARTTER

A German habitation name for someone from a place called "Hartte in Brandenburg" or a respelling of German Harter. As immigrants most Hartters originated in either Germany or Sweden. The highest number of Hartters immigrated to America in 1885 with the second highest immigration taking place in 1854, 1868 & 1887. From the 1880 U. S. Federal Census, 60% of all Hartters were engaged in farming, 20% worked in saw mills and 20% were druggists. During the American Civil War, a total of 7 Hartter men served in the Union Army and 1 for the Confederacy. From the U. S. Federal Census of 1920 between 9 and 15 Hartter families lived in Indiana. From the same census, between 4 and 8 Hartter families lived in WA., CA., KS., TX., IA., WI., IL., MO., IA., MI., N.Y., PA., VA. & GA. Between 1 and 3 Hartter families lived in MN., NE., CO., N.M., OK., AR., LA., MS., AL., FL., VA., OH., VT. & N.H.

NEWLIN

English origin from Old French personal name Nevelon, continental Germanic Neveling, Nivelung (or possibly Neibling) English, possibly a habitation name from East Newlyn, Cornwall, which takes its name from the patron saint of the church there, Niwelina. Probably an Americanization form of German Newling, a nickname for a newcomer, or inexperienced person from Middle Low German Nilinge. Recent Americanization form of Norwegian and Swedish Nylund. Newlin immigration to America was the highest in 1856, 1879 & 1890. 29 Newlins were enlisted as Confederates in the American Civil War compared to 81 in the Union Army. From the 1880 U.S. Federal Census, 46% of the Newlins were

farmers. From the U. S. Federal Census in 1920, between 66 and 129 Newlin families lived in Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Between 23 and 65 Newlin families in the same census lived in CA., KS., OK., TX., OH. & N.C. Between 1 and 22 Newlin families lived in WA., OR., N.V., ID., MT., WY., CO., N.M., N.D., S.D., NE., MN., IA., MO., AR., LA., MS., TN., KY., W.V., VA., S.C., GA., FL., WI., MI., N.Y., MA., CT., N.J., DE. & MD.

MEYER

From German and Dutch, from Middle High German meier, a status name for steward, bailiff, or overseer, which later came to be used also to denote a tenant farmer, which is normally the senses in the many compound surnames formed with this term as a second element. Originally it denoted a village Headman (ultimately from Latin major 'greater', 'superior'). Also possibly from the eastern European Jewish settlements known as Ashkenazic. As a Jewish origin, Meyer, or Meir can be interpreted as an 'enlightener', a derivative of Hebrew for 'light'.

The majority of all Meyers migrated to America from Germany followed in order by Preussen, Switzerland, Hanover, France & Bavaria. 350 Meyer men enlisted in the Confederate Army during the American Civil War, while 2,765 Meyer men joined the Union Army.

From the 1920 Federal Census between 2,029 to 4,056 Meyer families lived in N.Y., MO. & IL. From 677 to 2,028 Meyer families lived in CA., MN., WI., IA., IN., OH., PA. & N.J. Between 1 & 676 Meyer families lived in WA., OR., NV., ID., MT., WY., UT., CO., AZ., N.M., N.D., S.D., NE., KS., TX., OK., AK., LA., MS., MI., TN., KY., AL., GA., FL., S.C., N.C., W.V., VA., MD., DE., VT., N.H., MA., CT. & MA.

KOCH

From German and from the Eastern European Ashkenazic Jewish settlements, an occupational name from Middle High German koch, German Koch 'cook' (cognate with Latin coquus). The name in this sense is widespread throughout eastern and central Europe, and is also well established in Denmark, Czech. and Slovak: from a pet form of any of several medieval personal names beginning with Ko-, for example Kochan, Kocian & Kosmas. Polish nickname from kochac, 'to love'.

While a majority of 843 Koch men enlisted in the Union Army during the American Civil War, 40 Koch men were members of the Confederate Army. From the 1920 U.S. Federal Census there were between 1 and 170 Koch families living in VT., N.H., ME., MA., CT., DE., MD., VA., W.V., N.C., S.C., GA., FL., KY., TN., IN., AL., MS., LA., AR., TX., OK., KS., NE., S.D., N.D., MT., WY., CO., N.M., AZ., UT., NV., OR., ID. & WA. Between 171 and 511 Koch families lived in CA., IA., MO., WI., MI. & N.J. Between 512 and 1,022 Koch families lived in IL., OH., PA. & N.Y.

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DOBBINS

This surname is of English origin and a name received from a paternal ancestor, or son of Robin. Most Dobbins families lived in the Lancashire, Cumberland, Worcestershire & Gloucestershire in England. 272 Dobbins men served with the Confederates in the American Civil War, while almost an equal amount of 283 served in the Union Army.

From the 1920 U.S. Federal Census, there were between 1 and 25 Dobbins families living in WA., OR., NV., ID., MT., WY., UT., AZ., N.M., NE., N.D., S.D., MN., IA., WI., MI., LA., FL., DE., MD., CT., N.J., VT., N.H. & ME. Between 26 & 75 Dobbins families were living in CO., KS., OK., AR., KY., MS., AL., S.C., W.V., VA. & MA. Between 76 & 150 Dobbins families were living in CA., TX., MO., IL., OH., TN., AL., N.C., PA., N.Y. & N.J.

EISENBARTH

Surname is of Southern Germany origin from a Germanic personal name composed of Old High German is an- 'iron' + bernt 'bright', 'shining'. By folk etymology, the second element has been confused with Bart 'beard' (formerly spelled Barth). Most Eisenbarth immigrated to America between 1868 & 1875, followed by another large migration in 1885. No Eisenbarths served in the Confederate Army in the American Civil War, while 3 served with the Union Army.

From the 1920 U.S. Federal Census between 7 & 11 Eisenbarth families were living in NE., OH. & PA. Between 3 & 6 families lived in N.D., KS., IA., MO., IL., WI., N.Y. & N.J. Between 1 & 2 families lived in CA., CO., TX., MN., IN., S.C., DE., MD., N.H. & CT.

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George Woolley Losee

By Morris Werner

George Losee was born at Chestnut Ridge, Dutchess CO., N.Y. In 1820. He was the son of John Ireton and Hannah Woolley Losee. The Losee family were descendants of Dutch immigrants who settled in the Hudson River Valley when it was yet a Dutch Colony. When George was 14 years of age, the family traveled by wagon to Albany and via the Erie Canal to Buffalo, settling on a farm on the west side of Chautauqua Lake.

George was a descendant of Mayflower passenger, George Soule. His wife, Betsy Barney was a granddaughter of Luther Barney and William Bemus. Luther Barney was a Minute man from Norwich, CT., who answered the Lexington alarm in 1775. He served under Gen. Washington at Kipps Bay and Harlem Heights in 1776. In 1780-81, he was a seaman on the privateers General Putnam and Favorite. After the Favorite was captured by the British in Aug. 1781, he was impressed into the British Navy and served aboard the Iris during the Yorktown campaign.

William Bemus served in the N. Y. Militia at the battle of Saratoga in 1778, and settled at Bemus Point on Chautauqua Lake in 1805. George Losee and Betsy Barney were distantly related, being seventh generation descendants of Stephen and Sarah Briggs Wing of Sandwich, MA.

In 1870, George Losee migrated to Nemaha CO., KS. and purchased 160 acres of land in the Ford community ten miles southeast of Seneca. He is listed in the 1870 U.S. Census in Nemaha CO. He built a new house and moved his family to Seneca in 1880; the house was razed in 1962.

George was carpentry foreman for Lewis Wetmore when Seneca built a school house in 1890 at the cost of \$30,000. The building was designed by architect Charles Terry of Wichita, who married the Losee's third daughter, Fannie. It was a two story brick building in the Victorian style with many turrets, dormers and hips. George Losee cut and marked the rafters before the foundation was complete, and was proud that they fit correctly when the roof was erected.



Photo contributed by Albany Historical Museum.

After the death of their son in Woodward, OK., during the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1901, the Losse's moved to Wichita, KS., where George built a new house, doing all carpentry work after reaching the age of 80 years. George and Betsey Losee are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery at Wichita, KS.

George Losee b.1820 d.1910, m.Fannie Cottrell (2) Betsey Barney b.1827 d.1917

Children:

Jullia Hannah b.1851 d.1922 m.Edmund Bouton (related to Eli and Lewis Bouton of the Albany Colony)

Son: Lewis

Emeline Heustis "Emma" b.1853 d.1943 m.James Neill bur.Ford Cem.

Children: Gregory b.1880 d.1887 bur. Ford Cem., John, Rollo, Jessie V. & Robert.

Fannie Eliza b.1856 d.1942 m.Charles Terry, Children: Alice, Eva & Floyd.

Katie Louisa b.1861 d.1960 m. George Clark, son: Alfred John Robert Barney b.1868 d.1901, unmarried.

Fourth Of July 1856

By Mrs. Achsah Lilly Slosson in 1906

Fifty years ago today, was a memorable day because the time-ly tearing of a ruffle for a dress had such wide spread results that the history of northern Kansas and Sabetha in particular will always feel the effects. Scores of Sabetha citizens could trace their residence to a place not then a state; and the birth place of many young people was decided when at Castle Creek, New York that ruffle of ten cent lawn gave way. The cackling of geese is said to have saved Rome; and we hear that "for want of a nail the shoe was lost", the horse, rider, army and kingdom lost for a nail. If that ruffle had not torn, then Achsah L. Lilly would never have been Mrs. Slosson and the worthy people who followed her to Kansas would have gone elsewhere.

Now this girl did enjoy making people laugh and did many ridiculous things when at home to compensate for the gravity required of her as a schoolmarm. This morning of the ruffle incident there was a house party of half a dozen girls and a sprinkling of boys. Achsah had broken her own record by appearing at breakfast in fantastic garb. After breakfast, with her dressmaker, Olive French, still attired in her breakfast costume, she had sat down to sew. She firmly pinned the ruffle to the lap of the dressmaker, and another end of it to her own lap.

For a year past W. B. Slosson had been attentive to Achsah. A. about ten o'clock, engrossed in her sewing, she chanced to look up and spied through the wide crack of the door a nice, dapper young man pass under the old Balm of Gilead trees. With a bound she upset both the gravity and the chair of the dress maker. The ruffle tore, and Achsah escaped to the chamber before the young man reached the door.

In a twinkling she came down in a neat girlish dress and with her very sweetest smile to greet the guest. This was William B. Slosson and he placed his fine turn out and himself at her disposal for the Fourth. The day was spent at Binghamton; a long stroll in Lovers Lane by the Suquehanna, dinner at "Ways", fireworks in the evening, and before their return he placed himself at her disposal for life and has served loyal fifty years.

Now if that ruffle had not given way and he had seen her dressed in so ridiculous a fashion for a morning at home. Well, no self-respecting young man least of all, William Slosson, would have chosen such a fright for a companion. In 1860 he took her, a well dressed lady to Kansas. And because she was there, came the Brighams, Emery Lilly, and Sherwood, Henry Lilly, and Mrs. Hutchinson, George H. Adams, for whom Adams Township was named, and son George Ira, E. F. Pugsley and family, Harvey Campbell, Lyman B. Lilly, Mrs. William Craham and the Hall boys, Albert West and sons, Myron and Nathan, Daughters: Mrs. Rellis and Mrs. Benson, John Tyler and family, John and Merritt McNary and others less directly connected and some not now in mind.

A goodly company you see. But do not search the pauper list, the criminal courts nor the jails for any of them. Old Castle Creek has reason to be proud of her Kansas children and grand-children. They helped make Kansas what she is, the best state in the world. I am glad that ruffle broke.

Editor's Note: This was from an original document supplied to me by my affiliation with the Albany Historical Society. Surnames such as Slosson, Lilly and Graham appear quite often in historical accounts of the original Albany community, then later in Sabetha.

FIRST JUDGE IN NEMAHA COUNTY

**Taken From The History of Nemaha County
By Ralph Tennial Published in 1916**

Brown and Nemaha Counties were in one judicial district and prior to 1861, the court was held in Hiawatha, Brown County. In November, 1861, the first district court was held in Nemaha CO. with Judge Albert H. Horton on the bench. Byron Sherry was the county clerk. Court was held in the original courthouse built by the city of Seneca but for a short time. A religious meeting, held in the courthouse one Sunday night, was followed by a fire. A one-story building was erected for the holding of court and the county officers were scattered in other building around the town.

In ten years the money from town lots had so accumulated that a brick courthouse was erected at a cost of nearly \$30,000. Major Sargent broke the ground, and J. A. Storm of St. Joseph erected the house of laws. It was this building that the combination of mice, matches and children destroyed. When the new building was erected, a fireproof building apart from it was put up for the office of the registrar of deeds, where all official records are kept in the fireproof vault.



Judge Albert H. Horton, who was the first judge to sit in a Nemaha County Circuit Court, was an Atchison man, Nemaha, even today, has not a separate judicial district apart from Brown County. Judge Horton is said to have been the bluest-blooded aristocrat with the straightest line of descent that the district can call her own. And this, in view of the acknowledged fact that Nemaha County has many families of remarkably straight genealogy. Judge Horton could trace his ancestry in a direct line to Robert de Horton of Great Horton, England, in the thirteenth century. And the line comes down without a waiver until Albert H. Horton, with his brother, arrive in Atchison in the fifties. In 1861, he was appointed district judge by Governor Charles Robinson. Later he was elected twice to the same office in the second judicial district, and attained the dignity of chief justice of the State.

THE VILLAGES OF NEMAHA COUNTY

**Taken In Part From The History Of Nemaha County
By Ralph Tennial, Published in 1916**

At one time postoffices were located just about everywhere but overtime with shrinking population bases they have disappeared. At one time, there was a postoffice located at Dorcas, in Capioma Township and at Clear Creek. Both were kept only in farm houses, with the advent of rural routes putting them out of business. Near Wetmore about 1886, a section house was built and given the name of Sother, in compliment to the Hon. Thomas Sother. A store was erected, but it too eventually was put out of business due to progress.

At one time at Berwick, there was a store, postoffice and a few houses surrounding the train depot and elevators along the tracks of the Rock Island Railroad that served this community. It was a stopping point for the Rock Island between Sabetha and Bern providing the area farmers a convenient place to ship their products to market.

Also located just west of Sabetha and along old U.S. Highway 36 was the shipping point known as Price. As horse drawn means of transportation gave way to gasoline powered horse-less carriages, there was a gas pump at the Price General Store. Price was named for Jacob Edward Price, a prominent grain raiser of this area in the early 1880's. He was a soldier, who received a medal for manning an abandoned gun at the siege of Richmond in the American Civil War.

I came across a photo of a Daisy Price and Myrtle Hennigh when they both were younger. Myrtle, the youngest daughter and child of David and Mary Breon Hennigh married Brown Countian John Brougher and both eventually became my Grandparents. Myrtle Hennigh grew up on a homestead near Price in what was once Rock Creek's Townships Section NO. 17 according to the 1887 Nemaha CO. Plat Book.



From left to right: Daisy Price & Myrtle Hennigh

Identifying just who Daisy Price was and how she was related to Jacob has been a real mystery. No visible record can be seen from that plat book as to where the land was located that Jacob Price farmed. No records for him at the Register of Deeds or the County Clerk's office. Ancestry.com has come up with negative results. There is another Price over in Marion Twp. near Baileyville. In fact in Ralph Tennial's history, he has written that "J. E. Price was well beloved in Sabetha and the grandmothers of today recall with affection broom drills and exercises and entertainments he taught them as little girls."

With presently over 500 genealogy moments written and less than 200 recorded for use at KNZA Hiawatha radio, all of them get used as filler for Brown County newspapers.

Brown County Genealogy Moment #1

A story that describes the strength and determination of the pioneers that settled Robinson, Kansas was of the Dickinson family from Virginia whose sons had made up their minds to come to the Kansas Territory. Their father said that they would have to go without their Mother and he as they were too old to travel. When the boys were ready to leave, their Mother climbed into the wagon and said, "I am going with the boys, Father, you and the girls can stay here." The next day on horseback their Father overtook them along the way. The Dickinson family stone barn and home built in 1854 was still in use well into the 20th Century. On February 9, 1859, the town was incorporated by the Robinson Town Company by a group of men from Parkville, Missouri.

Brown County Genealogy Moment #2

All alone at the age of 17, my Grandmother Kiersti Olson came to America in 1884. Her boyfriend in Greenwood, Kansas sent her a ticket but she did not marry him. She married Ole Olson on March 29, 1889 in Hiawatha, Kansas. Since Greenwood and Brown County are a good distance apart, how and where they met is a mystery to me. Born to this union were four children: Ella May, Gilbert Herman, Olaf Gussie and my mother Jennie Elmira. As farmers, they spent their married years working the ground in Thomas, Brown, Jackson and Atchison counties. Grandmother Kiersti was known for making beautiful quilts as well as good meals for her family.

Contributed by B. C. G. S. Member & Grand Daughter Emma K. Torkelson Camblin-Galbraith for Remedies & Recipes of Our Brown County Ancestors, Pub. 2001 by Greg Newlin.

Brown County Genealogy Moment #3

My Grandmother Ella was born January 4, 1868 in Highland, Kansas to Emaline J. Kinney and Abner Brunner. Emaline was born October 10, 1840 and her husband, Abner was born September 19, 1839. Both Emaline and Abner of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry were born in Beaverton, PA. Their marriage in Beaverton was on August 27, 1857. Abner's trade was as a blacksmith. Before moving to Doniphan County, Kansas in 1866, they had lived in Ohio. One of the earliest memories that I have of my grandmother were of her trips out to our farm every summer to make pickles and sauerkraut. At my age, it was an impressive sight to see the kitchen full of crocks filled with cucumbers and shredded cabbage, and it was a special treat to have grandmother stay with us for the days it took to complete the task. Contributed by B.C.G.S. Member and Grand-Daughter Marietta Holden for Remedies & Recipes of Our Brown County Ancestors, Pub. 2001 by Greg Newlin

Brown County Genealogy Moment #4

"Back in 1936, the church was a social outlet as well as religious, for the pioneers. The pioneer would hitch up the big wagon and load up six to twelve family members all of whom were wearing freshly laundered clothes on scrubbed faces and bodies for the 3 to 6 mile ride to church. The preacher preached hell fire, eternal damnation, his congregation enjoyed it, asked for more, came back for it and often took the preacher home for dinner. The young men went because all the girls would be there, the girls went because the boys would be there. A good many went because Pa said for them to go and they knew better than to disobey."

Written by Hester Potter for the Brown County World on December 3, 1936.

Brown County Genealogy Moment #5

"We crossed the Missouri River at Nebraska City, June 1858. Later, and further south, our party then crossed the Nemaha River at Falls City, which was a small place of a half-a-dozen houses or so, where we were on top of a divide or high piece of prairie. As we came into Brown County we passed north of Hiawatha and crossed Roys Creek at the Jim Mills crossing. We camped on the east side of the creek in the city of Mount Roy. Brown CO. at that time was a vast prairie. A few enterprising men had pushed westward from the river towns of the Missouri and staked out Hiawatha." Taken from the Pre-Civil War diary of Stephen Quaif of Robinson, KS. as reported by the Hiawatha World.

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BE AWARE **OF THESE GENEALOGY PITFALLS**

Contributed to the Pioneer Press By Cora Chambers of
the Atchison County Genealogical Society

The following are just a few of the many PITFALLS that
you need to be aware of when conducting research:

1. Never assume that "Jr" and "Sr" are father and son. Often they are, but sometimes they are not. They may be uncle and a nephew, grandfather and grandson, cousins or even no relation. These are merely titles to distinguish and older man from a younger one with the same name.
2. To add to the confusion, these titles shift as "Sr" dies and "Jr" becomes a "Sr", and a younger person becomes "Jr". Without sufficient research in official records, one can not detect these changes and identities. It only takes ONE misidentification to cause a researcher to spend years researching the WRONG PEOPLE.
3. Assuming that family stories are true: Often there is a partial truth in them but details have become distorted through the years. A common one might be that "Great-Grandma was an Indian". Someone may have said, "She looked like an Indian", or "She might have been an Indian", or "She lived near Indians". ALWAYS seek out official records that can prove or disprove components of the story.
4. Assuming that children in a pre 1880 census household (when relationships began to be stated) are children of the Head of the Household: They may or may not be. They may be nieces, nephews, stepchildren, grandchildren, or no relation. Study the ages and birthplaces when shown of all household members. Other year's census records, probate, guardianships, deeds, etc. could help identify relationships and reveal the true children of the head of the household. Understanding these relationships can be crucial to building your pedigree and can unlock mysteries. Census through 1840 can be very helpful when analyzed with other records, but they can also be misleading.
5. Marriage License Versus Marriage Returns: Occasionally couples obtained a license or bond to marry but never carried out their intentions. It is the Minister's or Justice of the Peace's Return/Certificate that proves that a marriage took place.
6. Place of Death & Place of Probate: A person's death record will be found in the country in which death occurred (if records were kept then). Exceptions would include death while traveling, visiting, hospitalized, in prison, etc. outside his or her county of residence. Probate records, (if there was property to be distributed) would be found in the person's county of residence. It is possible that additional probate records might be found in other counties/state where the deceased owned property. Why use death records? Because they should contain parent information and various other important data. Why use probate records? Because they prove family relationships that may be found nowhere else.

7. Wills Do Not Always Mention All Children Of A Deceased Person: Often a child has already been given property and it simply does not specify that in the Will. If the gift was real estate or other personal property, then there likely would be a Deed something like "For love and affection for my daughter and son-in-law Sarah and John Doe". Much, much can be revealed in Estate records, Inventories, Bills Of Sale, Administrator Bonds, Order Books, etc. All heirs are likely to be named in Estate Settlements. Law Suits between family members can be a goldmine of factual information.
8. Having The Mindset That Court House Records & Evidence Are "Just For Professional Researchers": Of course they are not! Court house records are essential for everyone's research project. All are there for everyone who wants to learn who their ancestors were. Research is not difficult, but it does require understanding the basics and takes time.

SUMMARY

For helpful information about genealogical research see the following websites:

Indgensoc.org (click research tab, and then "Articles").

RootsWeb.com (click on RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees).

LOOKING FOR **GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION?**

The Nemaha County Historical Society is a great place to start as you will get good advice from the volunteers on duty there. However, if you need more than a push in the right direction, I recommend that you give your information to Dorothy Pearl as she is thorough and leaves no stone un-turned. She can be reached on Wednesdays through the winter months at the museum (785) 336-2624 and or at this e-mail address:

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NEMAHA COUNTIANS

A. L. STONE, lumberman, came here in 1876, then went to Portland, Oregon where with a brother he engaged in dairy farming on a large scale for about three years. In December, 1879, he relocated in Seneca and began his present business, having since carried from \$3,000 to \$5,000 worth of stock. He married in Seneca, Miss Minnie W. Wetmore, daughter of L. Wetmore, of Seneca, formerly of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have a cozy and conveniently located home in the village, where their many excellent social qualities render them deservedly popular.

J. P. TAYLOR, attorney-at-law and real estate agent, was born in Coles CO., Illinois, September 23, 1833. A few days later his father, John Taylor, removed to Sangamon CO., Illinois. J. P. resided in Sangamon, Pike and McDonough Counties, and studied law in Macomb, Illinois. In 1861, located at Seneca, Kansas, was admitted to the bar and began practice. Spent 1862 -'63 on the

Pacific coast; returned to Seneca; was elected Probate Judge, and at the expiration of his term elected County Attorney, practicing law continuously from 1873-'74, since which time he has devoted himself to his real estate business. Mr. Taylor married in McDonnough CO., IL. Mary L. COX, by whom he has five children, the eldest born in McDonnough CO., IL. and the others in Nemaha CO., KS.

Capt. Lewis SHEELEY was born, 1843, in Green County, Ohio, and spent seventeen years in his native state and in Michigan, locating at Seneca in 1860. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Missouri, and as one of Col. Mulligan's gallant force in the memorable defense of Lexington, MO., he was captured by the rebels. Upon his release he re-enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry; was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and fought the guerillas in Missouri and Arkansas until the close of the war, when he enlisted in Hancock's Reserve Corps for one year. Since March, 1866, he has lived in Seneca, and was at one time commissioned Colonel of the First Kansas Militia. The Captain is an engineer by trade, and a Republican in politics. His wife was Emma T. SHAFER, of Michigan. They had six children, all born in Seneca.

John E. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Seneca, is one of the earliest settlers of Nemaha County, and a founder of its county-seat. He was born in Saugus, Massachusetts, and reared in Derry, New Hampshire, where most of his life was spent. He came from there for his first visit to the Kansas Territory in the fall of 1857, and in the spring of 1858, with a large party of friends and relatives made his permanent settlement at Seneca. Mr. Smith married in Burghton, Vermont, Miss Agnes Williams, of that city. Her father, W. Williams, died in her infancy, and her mother, coming as one of the pioneer party to Seneca, died here September 8, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Smith kept "Smith's Hotel" until the fall of 1879, when they sold it and settled on their valuable 320-acre farm adjoining the city limits of Seneca to the west. This farm Mr. Smith had owned for twenty-three years, and upon it had been built by himself and his eldest son, a handsome two-story brick farmhouse, measuring 20 by 36 feet, with wing; a barn 36 by 75 feet, two and one-half stories; sheds 20 by 230 feet; barn 14 by 60 feet for young stock, and an engine-house and feed-mill, wherein a twelve horse-powered engine shells and grinds corn for the hundreds of head of cattle annually fattened here. Mr. W. H. Smith, the elder son, and his partner, G. W. Williams, eventually owned about 600 head of cattle grazing in Nemaha and Marshall Counties. The younger son, Frank E. Smith, is a graduate of the Columbia Law School, New York City and went onto practice law in Seneca.

C. G. SCRAFFORD, the pioneer merchant of Seneca, was born January 28, 1829, in Albany County, New York, was the son of George C. and Nancy HAYES SCRAFFORD and grew to manhood in Bellevue, Ohio. In 1856 he settled at White Cloud, KS. building the first hotel and saw-mill there. In January, 1860 he opened the first general store in Seneca. The lumber used to build this store was drawn from the Missouri River by ox teams. For eight years, Mr. Scrafford continued the mercantile business before he began a partnership with his brother-in-law Samuel Lappin. As the business began to grow over the years, Mr. Lappin in 1871 built the State Bank of Kansas but it was in 1875 through financial misfortunes that the bank closed

IMMIGRATION and NATURALIZATION

FROM THE GENEALOGY COMPANION SOURCEBOOK

From the Colonial period, few immigrant arrival records exist, for there was no uniform or widespread registration. However, at various times, colonies required foreign, i.e., non-British, newcomers to swear allegiance to the English crown, as in eighteenth-century Pennsylvania. In the absence of official passenger lists, these oaths are evidence of arrival in the colony.

The Pennsylvania State Archives houses a large set of Philadelphia arrival records that cover almost a century and are published as *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of The Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808*, by Ralph Beaver Strassburger, William John Hinke, ed. (Norristown, PA.: Pennsylvania German Society, 1934, 3 vols; reprint of Vols. 1 & 3 by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1966) List number 156C (in Volume I, p444) was dated 12 September 1750: "Foreigners on ship Priscilla, Capt. William Wilcon from Rotterdam and Cowes did this day take and subscribe the usual oaths." The list contains seventy-four names representing 210 passengers.

Early arrivals in various colonies have been published, both in periodicals and in books such as these;

Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1632 - 1800, Nell Marion Nugent, comp. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1974 - 1979, reprint), 3 vols.

A Compilation of Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina, 1763 - 1773, by Janie Revill (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968, reprint of 1939 original).

Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623 - 1666, by George Cabell Greer (Richmond, VA: W. C. Hill Printing Company, 1912 reprint 1960 by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore).

The Early Settlers of Maryland, Gust Skordas, comp. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968).

Emmigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641 - 1819, Michael Tepper, ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1975) Passenger lists from the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*.

Immigrants to the Middle Colonies, Michael Tepper, ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1978). Passenger lists from the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

Except for some baggage and cargo manifests, few actual passenger lists were kept until federal law required them in 1819. The first mandatory lists were made by ship captains for the collector of customs at the first port where an arriving ship stopped. For a time, quarterly reports from the customs officials went to the State Department, which then reported to Congress. Some of these can be found in Congressional documents. These customs passenger lists continued to be kept throughout much of the nineteenth century. Later lists were made under the authority of the immigration and Naturalization Service. The largest ports of entry for many years were New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, and New Orleans, although numerous smaller ports also had incoming passengers, both aliens and returning citizens.

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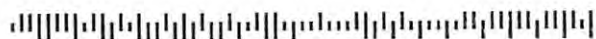
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HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Provided by Corresponding Secretary Darl Ann Rial

Anita Heiman presided over the meeting with 10 board members present. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Quarterly Meeting plus Special and Executive Board meetings on July 15 and July 22, as well as the Called July 29th meeting as submitted. Treasurer Ray Thieme reported a total of \$28,798.45 income & \$37,148.93 expenses for the 3rd quarter of 2014. The Sales and Use Tax Entity Exemption Certificate from KS. Dept. of Revenue has been re-issued with expiration date of 10/10/20.

REPORTS:

Bancroft Depot Museum: Freda Dobbins reported that the Bancroft Depot Museum closed for the season on Sept. 30, 2014. The board tentatively agreed to schedule their summer quarterly meeting at the Bancroft Depot Museum and church.

Tours: Diane Rottinghaus reviewed some of the tours this quarter which have been averaging a tour per week at the museums.

Evening At The Museum: Greg Newlin reported that the "Mourning Etiquette" program given by Joel Meyer and Jill Frese of Manhattan, KS. on Sept. 24th was an excellent presentation but poorly attended. Several suggestions were made for the two Evening At The Museum events to be held in 2015.

Membership: Alma Ackerman reported 180 actual members, 61 life memberships and 52 business memberships for 2014.

Library: Since Mary Steinlage has agreed to continue to collect obituaries, but will retire as librarian, Karen Holthaus was elected as museum librarian.

Mitchell Memorial: Bob Ackerman reported on the Mitchell Family's placement of plaques at the Ordinance Rifle and Priest in memory of Harold Mitchell on Sept. 6, 2014.

Memorials: Joyce Olberding reported that she had ordered two memorial plates for the Temple of Honor recognition board for Jim Koelzer and Lowell Elder.

Maintenance: Bob Ackerman reviewed maintenance, seasonal activities & accomplishments at all four museum buildings.

NEW BUSINESS:

In new business, the board approved plans to continue with the current fundraising schedule with the Golf Classic, the Tractor Cruise and Car Show for 2015. President Heiman appointed the committee of Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus and Richard Schmitz to audit the 2014 financial records. DarlAnn Rial, Greg Newlin and Anita Heiman agreed to serve as nominating committee for 2015.

MEMORIALS

Harold A. "Hod" Mitchell
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Priest Plaque



Mitchell Family



Rifle Plaque

James T. Koelzer

Born at Seneca, KS. May 16, 1950
Died Houston, TX., Sept. 19, 2014

Lowell E. Elder

Born at Oregon, MO., Nov. 23, 1933
Died at Seneca, KS., Aug. 28, 2014

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM By Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot Museum had a successful summer with more visitors than the last couple of years. The Museum will not have regular hours for being open this winter. Please put on your calendars that the museum will reopen Memorial Day weekend 2015 with the normal Sunday hours at that time. If you have visitors who really want to go to the museum this winter, call 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197 to see if a time to take a tour can be arranged.

At least plan a trip this fall to see the foliage and all the outside exhibits on the museum grounds. To get to the museum, take KS. Highway 9 west from Goff to KS. Highway 62. Turn left (south) on 62 and proceed 3 miles to 24th Road, turn left (east) and proceed 3 miles eastward on 24th Road to S Road where you shall find the museum just to the east of the intersection on south side of 24th Road.

A SEPTEMBER EVENING AT THE MUSEUM

It was an enjoyable evening for the presentation on The History of Mourning Etiquette presented by Jill Frese and Joel Meyer of Manhattan, KS. on Wed. evening, Sept. 24 at 7. Fully dressed in Victorian dress of the day, both informed as well as entertained. Although not well attended, anyone who was present would most likely agree that it was a memorable presentation.

A year ago, Jill and Joel gave a divining or witching demonstration to a large group of people gathered at Brown County's Shelton Cemetery at the northwest corner of Goldfinch & 260th Roads. They will be doing another witching event Sat., Oct. 25th at the far northwest corner of the Hiawatha City Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Presently we have plans for another Evening at the Museum program to be held in conjunction with the Annual Business meeting of the N.C.H.S. museum on Tues., Feb. 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The potluck dinner will begin at 5 and the presentation on the American Civil War given by Gena Holthaus will begin at 6. As favorable of a response as we have received from those who have seen our speakers on the local Rainbow station, make your plans now to come to this Evening At The Museum and you will not be disappointed.

KELLYS TO KANSAS 145 YEARS LATER By Gloria Kennett Cathcart

In the Fall of 1859, Agnes Gregg Kelly and 6 of her 11 children arrived in Scotch Valley, Nemaha Twshp, Nemaha CO., KS. Prior to this date, 3 young children had been buried in Catrine, Ayrshire, Scotland. The husband and father of this family had died in Glasgow, just prior to the family boarding the ship to emigrate. The oldest son, John, had come ahead the year before. Sarah, one of the daughters, had stayed behind in Scotland to marry and start a family there. The children coming to Kansas with their mother ranged in age from 6 to 29 years, all single. Sarah and her husband Hugh McAlpine and 5 children did emigrate 11 years later to join the Kelly family.

Again, in the Fall of 2014, but for just a long weekend, the Kellys descended on Nemaha CO.! This time there were 33 ranging in age from 6 to 86 coming from the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska & Kansas, as well as 6 from Alberta, Canada. Arriving as early as Sept. 1, members of this reunion of descendants, were prompted to get here sooner to do some prep research that would make this gathering a memorable time for all on the

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KELLYS TO KANSAS *continued*

weekend of Sept. 5 -7 in Seneca, as well as north-central Nemaha CO. "I was thrilled with the materials I found at the Seneca Free Library and at the Nemaha CO. Court House, including articles from books & microfilmed newspapers, marriage licenses & wills. When all had arrived and had gathered at the Settle Inn, it was a great time for making introductions and generally getting to know one another because after all there were many who did not know more than 2 other cousins when they arrived. At this time, a program for the weekend was made with a map of the area distributed.

On Saturday morning, a caravan of 13 vehicles set out for Scotch Valley Cemetery. The first stop along the way was at the bridge of Turkey Creek, north of Seneca, on Highway 63. This creek is mentioned numerous times in our Kelly family history, so everyone assembled on the bridge deck for a group picture. We were thankful that there was very little traffic and those who did pass by were very courteous and slowed down as the drove by, all the while we wondered what they might have been thinking as to why a group of 30 were standing on this bridge. Not exactly an everyday occurrence!

The next stop, at 10:00 a.m., was at Scotch Valley Cemetery where we were joined by 4 more non-family members, or some people from the area who have become very special to our Kelly family. This cemetery is nestled in the corner of a soybean field located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 216 St. & J Rd. in Nemaha Twp. Upon arrival here, our attentions were immediately directed toward the grave of the singular common ancestor, Agnes (Gregg) Kelly. Her gravestone had just been installed in April 2013. Following the time spent at her graveside, color coded binders were distributed indicating the lineage...red for descendants of Agnes & Alexander Kelly's son John, blue for the descendants of Sarah and black for the descendants of James. Using the binder containing a plot map and a recording chart everyone set out to make personal notations from the gravestone information. Even the 2 children in the group had their own activity set up for them so that they could also be a part of the documenting process. The first burial, that of John Baird, took place in 1872. On the gravestone for Baird is listed his son Hugh who died in 1858. There was no cemetery when 4 year-old Hugh died so he was actually buried along the banks of the Nemaha River and is remembered on his parent's stone.

Although I have certainly been met by hosts of grasshoppers, I have never seen what I would call an abandoned cemetery. The grass was trimmed, there were no unsightly weeds, and although there were a few stones needing repairs, it was far from unsightly. I understand that our thanks for this goes to Bob & Marlene Griffith, farm neighbors to the cemetery, who through recent years have so faithfully tended to the cemetery grounds. This cemetery by no means is abandoned as even the grass along the shoulders of the road was neatly trimmed. There were supposedly a total of 52 burials that took place at this cemetery. Most of these were marked with a gravestone. Of the 7 without a marker, all were infants, while all of the 16 other burials with gravestones are also small children and infants. Five burials here have taken place since 1930.

Not including this time, I have had the privilege of visiting this cemetery on two other separate occasions in 2004 and 2013 since I began searching for my ancestors in 2003. Three of my great, great grandparents, Agnes (Gregg) Kelly & John & Agnes (Hay) Baird, as well as 7 great, great aunts and uncles, a great aunt and numerous cousins were buried here. At last count 39 of the 52 burials can be connected to my family in one way or another.

Thanks to the combined efforts of a group of cousins, repairs had been made a few years ago to the top section of the gravestone for Great, Great Grandparents John & Agnes (Hay) Baird, with the repair of the stone for the grand-daughter of Agnes Kelly having been done last Sept. We all left the Scotch Valley Cemetery with a much better understanding of our Kansas heritage. Our admiration and respect as well as our thanks go out to those who have cared for this very special little cemetery throughout the years.

Editors Note: Gloria Cathcart has written a great deal about this reunion and their experiences. I have taken the liberty to combine two separate entries and give the highlights of both.

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WOMAN, WHO HID DEAD MOTHER 2 ¼ YEARS, IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Taken from the July 20, 1937 Topeka Daily Capital

Mrs. Myrtle Lattimer of Seneca, who secreted the body of her mother in her home two and one-half years while she continued to cash her mother's pension checks, was brought to Topeka yesterday by a deputy United States Marshal from Nebraska to face a charge of violating her parole.

She recently was arrested near Falls City, Neb., in connection with a scheme of collecting money for the sale of silk hosiery without delivering the hose. When it was learned she had received a five-years suspended sentence on an old charge of defrauding the government by cashing her dead mother's pension checks she was brought to Topeka. She had served two years in the government women's prison at Anderson, W. Va., on another count.

When Mrs Lattimer was arrested in July 1934, the dismembered body of her mother was found in a shed at the rear of her home. She admitted her mother, Mrs. Marietta Bishop, had been dead two and one-half years and she had been receiving and cashing her mother's \$40 pension checks.

At first she experienced no trouble in cashing the checks. Then one bank suspected the mother was no longer living. It refused to cash any more checks. Mrs. Lattimer solved the problem by cashing them at another bank.

A new postmaster, W. L. Kauffman, refused to deliver the pension letter until he was assured Mrs. Bishop was living. A postal clerk asked to see Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Lattimer informed him the mother was taking a bath. The clerk replied the check would be delivered if a woman he had brought with him could see Mrs. Bishop. Again Mrs. Lattimer refused.

The sheriff was called but could not even find Mrs. Lattimer. She returned a day later, however and was placed under arrest.

Mrs. Lattimer said her 90 year-old mother, a Civil War veteran's widow had died a natural death and that she left the body in the bed about six months, then started to dismember it and burn it because the mother had asked that her body be cremated. This method of disposal not being successful, she put the remains in a trunk and put the trunk in the shed. There officers found it.

Mrs. Lattimer, who gave her age as 73, had to be helped to the women's ward on the second floor of the city jail.

Supplied by Research Staff of B.C.G.S.

HISTORY OF THE SABETHA LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Written in 1976 by Wilma Ackerman

and supplied to the Pioneer Press by the Albany Historical Museum

Thirty years in the livestock auction business in Sabetha were to leave a colorful memory of W.R. Bauman with his family, friends and customers. His booming voice always hit a high note when the markets got rough! He never used a microphone, he never needed one as he told it as it was, in his auction ring.

W.R. and Edwin Bauman established the Sabetha Livestock Auction west of the hospital and the Bockenstette Blue Ribbon Hatchery on a hill overlooking Sabetha to the east. The Bauman Brothers had previously been associated with the downtown sale barn. Construction of the new sale barn facility had taken only six weeks, when the first sale was held on October 18, 1947. Herman Hess was the carpenter on the project, and Louis Moser laid the cement blocks. The sale arena was patterned after that of the Clay Center, Kansas sale barn. The office and lunch room are located in the front section of the building. The lunch room was to feature Ollie and Mae Bauman's (Mrs. W.R. & Mrs. Edwin) homemade pies for many years on sale day.

The Sabetha Herald article of October 1947 stated that the Bauman Sale Barn was not completed, but facilities were in good shape for the sale. A good sized crowd attended, parking cars in front of the barn on a plot covered in crushed rock. The sale ring in the barn is surrounded by adequate seating capacity that was nearly filled. Immediately north of the barn and adjoining it are extensive livestock pens for handling a large number of animals of all kinds. The north fence of these pens has been boarded solid as a protection against the cold of wintertime.

Another article in that same Sabetha Herald tells of the 4-H steers selling on that

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This Queen Anne style home built in the middle of the 200 block on South Washington Ave. between Virginia St. on the north and Ohio St. on the south faced the city's park. The peak period of the Queen Anne style was 1880 to 1900, although the style persisted in use for another decade. The style was named and popularized in England by the architect Richard Norman Shaw(1831-1912). Although the Cotton house is really not up to the full Queen Anne style, it was constructed entirely of wood, had the typical round second-floor tower, steep pitched roofs, ornate gables and windows. Most Americans first saw this style characterized by the above plus the use of wood and stone at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1875 where the British government built several display houses.

Mary McKee Cotton was born in Ohio in either 1842 or 1843 and married Jackson Cotton in 1871. They came to the village of Sabetha in 1881 and both became identified with the incorporation of the Citizens State Bank in 1886. As the bank president, Jackson died in Jan. 1897 and Mary took over his place at the helm until July 1911. Although a member of the First Congregational Church, she was well known throughout the community for her liberal contributions to the other local denominations. An avid reader herself, she had accumulated a large personal library from which she would gladly allow all who enjoyed reading to borrow from. When Mary Cotton died in 1912, she bequeathed her fine home, her large and valuable collection of books and about \$3,000.00 to the city of Sabetha for the purpose of establishing a public library. Later in her life, companion and caretaker Miss Vina Newman had become the first librarian and helped sell the idea for an actual public library built and still standing in that park across the street from where the Cotton house once stood.

Jack Francis Abshier was born in Chicago, Il. Jan. 16, 1914 to parents Lambat & Lyda Doggett Abshier. They moved to Horatio, AR. soon after Jack was born, then later when 10 years-old they moved to Kansas City, MO., where he received his schooling and then later his artist training at the Kansas City Art Institute.

In addition to having been employed as an artist for the Kansas City Star and Times for many years, he served in many business organizations in the Kansas City community. He married Mamie E. Baumgartner of Bern, KS., Apr. 30, 1941. He died June 20, 1989 in Kansas City, MO. and was buried at the Bern, KS. Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

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Representing the Territory of Kansas at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention in July 1859 were the following Republican members: J.M. Winchell, of Osage CO., who served as president of the convention; J.M. Arthur of Linn CO.; James Blood, N.C. Blood, William Hutchison, Edwin Stokes, S.O. Thacher, P.H. Townsend, & R.L. Williams of Douglas CO.; J.G. Blunt of Anderson CO.; J.C. Burnett, W.R. Griffith of Bourbon CO.; J.T. Burris of Johnson CO.; Allen Crocker of Coffee CO.; W.P. Dutton, B.F. Simpson of Lykins CO.; Robert Graham, J.J. Ingalls, Caleb May of Atchison CO.; J.P. Greer, H.D. Preston, John Ritchie of Shawnee CO.; S.A. Kingman of Brown CO.; Josiah Lamb of Linn CO.; G.H. Lillie of Madison CO.; William McCullough of Morris CO.; J.A. Miccleton of Marshall CO.; L.R. Palmer of Pottawatomie CO.; R.J. Porter of Doniphan CO.; E.J. Ross of Waubesaunsee CO.; J.A. Signor of Allen CO. & T.S. Wright of Nemaha CO.

Representing the Territory of Kansas at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention in July 1859 were the following Democrat members: J.T. Barton of Johnson CO.; Fred Brown, W.C. McDowell, A.D. McCune, R.C. Foster, Sam Hipple, J.S. Parks, William Perry, J.P. Slough, S.A. Stinson & John Wright of Leavenworth CO.; B. Wrigley, J.W. Forman, E.M. Hubbard & J. Stirwalt of Doniphan CO.; C.B. McClellan of Jefferson CO. & E. Moore of Jackson CO. Not all leaders associated with those early days in the Territory of Kansas were present at this convention such as Charles Robinson and James Lane, however out of this convention came the following two United States Senators: John J. Ingalls and Edmond G. Ross; Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Samuel A. Kingman and as an Attorney General B.F. Simpson, who later became a speaker of the Kansas House, a member of the senate, a supreme court commissioner and a United States Marshall.

Fifty-two of the delegates were lawyers and 16 were farmers. The oldest man at the convention was Robert Graham of Atchison CO., who was 55 years-old and the youngest in attendance was 23 year-old B.F. Simpson of Lykins CO. Lykins CO. was established in 1855 and named for David Lykins, a Baptist missionary for the Confederated Tribes of the Weas, Piankeshaws, Peorias and Kaskaskias Indians. Lykins was a pro-slavery member of the territorial council. Lykins left the state after the Free-State forces came to political ascendancy. Miami became the name for this county on June 3, 1861, which is just below present-day Johnson CO. along the Kansas/Missouri State Line. Only 52 of the delegates were over the age of 40 years, more than one-third were under 30 and nearly two-thirds were under the age of 35.

Information taken from Brown CO. Genealogy Moments NOS. 454, 455 & 456.

SABETHA'S HISTORY OF LIVESTOCK AUCTION *cont'd*

first sale day at the Sabetha Sales Co., as it was called in the early years. George Ackerman sold one of those 4-H steers weighing 900 lbs. and selling for \$30 per hundred. That first sale had receipts of 3 hogs, 116 cattle & 2 horses, for a total of \$11,174.84. This figure would sound rather small in years to come. Fat hogs were purchased daily at the sale barn for a number of years. Dorothy Keck sold 13 cattle at the first sale. The 109 acres of land on which the sale barn was built was purchased from Dorothy (now Mrs. Calvin Stewart). Her family had moved there in 1920. The house located at the west end of Sabetha's Main Street is now the home of the Roma & John Hervey Family. Their access to the home comes past the east side of the sale barn, as the bridge over the creek on the railroad property has long been out and the road from Main Street closed.

Auctioneers at the first sale were Dave Edelman on the smaller items, and Gene Toby on the livestock. Dr. Trull of Bern served as veterinary inspector. The office clerk was E.W. Scofield of Fairview, assisted by Wilma Bauman. Mr. Scofield established a bookkeeping system, which was taken over by Wilma following his illness and death in 1955.

The Bauman Truck Line which was owned at the time by Edwin and W. R. Bauman was operated in conjunction with the sale barn. Ed Bauman had been in the trucking business throughout most of his life. His son, Edwin, Jr., worked in the trucking part of the business after his return from the Navy in 1947. Beulah Bauman

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SABETHA'S HISTORY OF LIVESTOCK AUCTION *continued*

Noble was the bookkeeper.

The trucking and auction partnership was to be divided by the Bauman Brothers in 1950. Edwin Bauman would have the Bauman Truck Line, W. R. Bauman would have the Sabetha Livestock Auction. Both businesses maintained their offices at the sale barn throughout the years. Edwin, Jr. later purchased the Bauman Truck Line from his father and continued to operate it until 1975 when he sold out to devote full time to farming. In 1954 Edwin was to start his years of running a combine crew in the harvest fields from Texas to the Dakota's. Edwin also had farm land west of Sabetha adjoining that of W. R.'s. The brothers were to maintain a close working relationship throughout the years.

W. R. & Ollie Marthaler Bauman were the parents of three daughters, Nellie, Wilma and Roma. The business was always run as a family business. Ollie had the lunch room responsibility, did a lot of the bookkeeping, and spent many hours throughout the week in the sale barn office.

W. R. always said his boys would come later, and the year 1950 brought two of them. Wilma and George Ackerman were married in February, and Nellie and Dwight Beckwith in March. George started farming and took a position each Saturday in the yards of the sale barn. George went to auctioneer school in Mason City, Iowa in 1956, and his work was in the ring and auction block after that time. Nellie and Dwight moved from Hiawatha to the farm south of Bern in 1951, and he too started a Saturday job at the sale. Roma and John Hervey of Topeka were married in 1960, and moved to the house north of the sale barn in 1961. Roma was to continue her profession as a registered nurse part-time, and John was to farm and join the sale barn crew. The entire family was to devote time to the auction business throughout these years.

Dwight and Nellie Beckwith purchased the Bern Locker in 1960, and by the year 1967 were to become too involved in it's operation to continue their work with the Sabetha Livestock Auction. Dwight still seldom misses a Saturday sale, but in the buying capacity connected with his feed lot and meat business.

Saturday was sale day in Sabetha!! Hundreds of hogs and cattle were to go through this sale ring in the years to follow. Those early years were quite a contrast to this year of 1976. Bauman Truck Line trucks made many trips to area farms to pick up livestock in the early years. Now most every farmer has a pickup truck, gooseneck trailer, or straight truck to haul their own livestock.

Many, many young men were to be employed in the auction yards throughout the years. It would be impossible to name them all. Three grandsons got an early start in the baby calf area. Granddaughters were lunch room helpers in their grade and high school days.

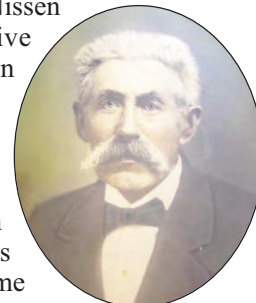
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Claus Christian Nissen (Klaus Kristian Nissen) was born August 28, 1833 in Hone, Svenborg, Denmark. He was the third of nine children born to Julius Nicolai Nissen and Anne Margrethe Petersen. Five generations of Nissens preceeded him in Denmark.



Claus

Julius had owned and operated a ferry from Horne to the Jutland peninsula. But this came to an end with Denmark's disastrous war with Germany in 1863 to 1864. This ultimately may have caused Claus to come to America

Hedvig Gustafva Hoglund, born January 3, 1830 in Upsala, Sweden married Claus on February 21, 1862. She died January 19, 1894 at Wetmore, KS. Claus and Hedvig are first believed to have gone to Madison, Wisconsin in 1865, but left there in 1873 and took up farming in Wetmore, Kansas. The 1880 Census shows him as a farmer, and by that same year he personally owned 80 acres. The family descendants continue to live on that farm today.



Adolph

Without children, Claus and Hedvig adopted Adolph Marquardt, who was born October 8, 1868. He was orphaned by the murder of his parents when he was four years of age. After his college education, became an educator and leader in agriculture, keeping his Wetmore farm. He died April 18, 1950 at Holton, KS.

Following Hedvig's death, Claus married Katharina E. Jenne Yahn, born January 2, 1875 at Mundingen, Germany. She died December 5, 1949 at Wetmore, Kansas. Born to this union were these five children: William Claude Christain a.k.a. "Willie", Elizabeth K. a.k.a. "Lizzie", Carl Frederick a.k.a. "Fritz", John George and Homer Joseph Nissen. Claus provided advanced education to his children for farming or trades.



Katharina

While at Wetmore, cousin Marcelius Seneca Nissen from Denmark arrived. So did a younger brother Erik Nissen. Marcelius moved to California where he entered farming,

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married and had children. Claus went to Oklahoma and bought land. Erik followed him there and also bought land. William returned to Wetmore with his parents. Erik left his farm and settled in Oklahoma City with his family. Claus returned to Wetmore and eventually rented his farm to an Oklahoma neighbor. The land remains in the Nissen family and still is rented by the descendants of the original neighbor.

Clearly, Claus provided nurture and support while new arrivals to the United States acclimated and prepared for their lives ahead. So important was Claus to Marcelius that he named his first child for Claus, rather than his own father or grandfather according to Danish custom.

After service as a private in the army in W.W.I, William finally settled in Missouri. But before this he married Ella May Whitelaw of Illinois, and to this union was born a daughter. He worked for Hanna Poultry Co. in Goff City, Kansas, as a truck driver. Later, he lived in Joplin and St. Louis, dying at Florissant, a northern suburb in St. Louis CO., Sept. 13, 1972.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" K. Nissen was born in Kansas, probably Wetmore, July 1, 1898. She married Wetmore native Charles J. Love and they lived entirely in the Wetmore community. To this union was born three children, one of which may still be alive.

Carl Frederick "Fritz" Nissen, born Sept. 6, 1899 at Wetmore, was living in 1910 with his parents in Oklahoma, then returned with them later to Wetmore. In W.W.I, he became a private in Company D of the 27th Battalion of the Kansas State Guard., but he was never mustered into active service. He did participate in the 27th Bn review in Seneca, KS. on July 7, 1918. Married to Lillian Frances Moore on February 28, 1925 at Holton, they bought a farm near Wetmore and raised four

children, who are now deceased, however grand children do carry on the family line.

John George Nissen, born April 13, 1901 at Wetmore, found work later when he became of age in a retail grocery in Topeka. He married Elsie Josephine Luscombe on July 15, 1920 at Topeka, and to this union were born two children. At a time when having multiple jobs was almost unheard of during the depression, in addition to driving laundry trucks for Ripley Cleaners in Topeka, he also worked as an operator on that city's trolley system. He died May 8, 1961 at Topeka and she in 1963 and both was buried at the Wetmore Cemetery.

Homer Joseph Nissen was born Sept. 17, 1903 in Grimes, Oklahoma. On Sept. 24, 1924, he married Mabel Mell McQueen and before her death in 1928 a daughter was born. He became a welder and worked building Victory Ships in the Richmond, California shipyards in W.W. II. Following this, he worked for the Standard Oil CO., now Chevron, in Richmond where he eventually retired. Throughout his married life, he was fond of palying baseball, horseshoes & bowling. Homer died July 13, 1964 in California and is buried in Wetmore.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT: ANITA HEIMAN

Impressive changes described the Nemaha CO. Historical Society in 2015. The Society continued a year of transition. Through an unpredictable economy and limited volunteer support, it reminded us that our Society was reflective of the many other county museums. Indeed, this was a transitional year for all museums and especially nonprofits, and ultimately, we will come out ahead. We are finding new ways to serve more with less. The nonprofit historical community is weathering uncertainty as a group and the Society remains strong because of the support of our members. Throughout the year, N.C.H.S. has looked at different ways to recruit, develop financial support, promote and preserve the historical artifacts of Nemaha County. We are extremely proud of our volunteers' endless efforts to maintain, rearrange, restore and streamline our museums into true historical sanctuaries. The dedication and able leadership of our Board of Directors have demonstrated unity in the completion of several major projects at year-end. To survive the economic downturn, we began to monitor how we operate, rethinking finances, management and service, it was incumbent upon the Society to be open to the public only one day a week, yet be available for tours and research. We moved full steam ahead pushing forward to lead, serve and strengthen Nemaha County's preservation and promotion of its military and cultural history with grants and donations. We appreciate and support the work of so many volunteers. We encourage Nemaha CO. citizens to hold us accountable and share your thoughts and suggestions about your needs and the directions we should take as we push forward in these tough times. We enjoy each other and our work at the museum and look forward to time spent with interesting people.

Our Museum is housed in the historic Nemaha CO. Jail & Sheriff's Residence, built in 1879 and remodeled in 1907. The original N.C.H.S. Board of Directors preserved the building as best as possible in 1976-78. It has served to preserve and store many artifacts of the county's early days, but now, in 2016, the building is in deterioration. The windows are rotted, the roof is leaking and the bricks need re-pointing. The S.T.E.P. Community Foundation has granted \$10,000 & community donations have provided another \$20,000 in matching funds to restore these 40 windows through this \$40,000 project. Applications for other grants will be filed to fund the restoration of the roof and bricks. Matching funds for these preservation grants is needed and will be sought through five annual fundraisers. We hope you will consider support for these projects.

Thanks for all you do! *Anita Heiman, President*

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By Freda Dobbins

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FEBRUARY 2016 EVENING AT THE MUSEUM & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Taken from Press Release

Back by popular demand because of her savvy approach to this subject, Evening at the Museum is pleased to present speaker Dr. Gena Holthaus of Topeka, KS. with her presentation of Myths & Legends of The American Civil War on Thursday evening at 6:30, Feb. 9th at the Nemaha CO. Historical Museum's Burger Annex I, 113 North Sixth Street in Seneca, KS. Prior to the presentation, at 5:30 there will be covered dish supper furnished by members of the historical society, this as well as the program plus the annual business meeting following is free-to-the-public. To be a part of these events at the museum located at the southeast corner of Nemaha & Sixth Streets, if traveling on U.S. Highway 36, turn south on Sixth Street at the stop light and proceed for 5 blocks to the above intersection.

TO & FROM THE EDITOR

November 18, 2015

The letter below and a cashier's check for \$1,000.00 was received shortly after the last Pioneer Press was published and circulated to the members. In that issue, you may recall that I printed from my collection of Morris Werner research on Nemaha County's Harris School Dist. NO. 42 in Harrison Twp.

Greg Newlin, Editor
Nemaha County Historical Society
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Dear Greg,

Please find enclosed a cashier's check in Memoriam of Morris W. Werner for the military museum upkeep needs.

We just read the latest Pioneer Press and noticed Morris' article about the Harris School District NO. 42. This reminded us of several things Michael Werner (son) said in his eulogy for Morris at Morris' funeral. Also note that Morris actually died on November 29, 2014.

Michael thought you might appreciate a copy of this eulogy for Morris as it contains a great deal of historical information regarding Morris and his life and specifically several rather amusing incidents that occurred during his attendance at the Harris District NO. 42 school.

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We will send a copy of the eulogy to you via email attachment rather than bulking up this envelope. If you are so inclined, you have Michael's permission to publish the eulogy in whole or in part in the Pioneer Press and possibly as a follow up to this article in the current edition and/or display as a memorial for Morris Werner in an appropriate fashion.

Regards and Best Wishes for a prosperous year.

Michael L. Werner

Attention: Members & Readers

Please take note of the change of both the Volume & Issue of this publication. Recently the fiscal year was changed for the N.C.H.S. to coincide with that of the actual physical year. The Pioneer Press is making this change and with this publication as seen on the masthead of the cover page, this is Vol. 34 - Issue 1.

Greg Newlin, Editor

WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART XII

Although not an official delegate to the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention of July 1859, John A. Martin was chosen to serve as secretary to the convention. Martin, educated in public schools in Pennsylvania began at the early age of 15 to learn the printer's trade. At the age of 18 years-old, he came to the Kansas Territory in 1857 and bought the newspaper known as the Squatter Sovereign, published at Atchison and changed the name to Freedom's Champion. In 1858, he was nominated for the territorial legislature, but declined because he was not yet of legal age. On May 10, 1859, he was a delegate to the Osawatimie convention which organized the Republican Party in Kansas and for the remainder of his life he was an unswerving supporter of the principles and policies of that organization.

Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO. 461

SALOON OUT OF BUSINESS

By Bill Calwell 1908 - 2015

Wetmore, Kansas is still a thriving small community in Southeast Nemaha County. Wetmore was established about 1880 along the Middle Division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The town business places established themselves along the street uphill from the depot as hotels, restaurants, saloons and dry goods stores sought the business of railroad passengers and train and engine employees.

My father, Charles A. Calwell, born April 30, 1873, bought and operated a small restaurant on the east side of Main Street. As I grew up I heard many stories or episodes which occurred in those early pre-prohibition days. One such episode, particularly exciting for me, was that of a visit by Carrie Nation. The Missouri Pacific depot agent, described as a small rather frail person, came running to my father one day with trembling hand holding a telegram which read: "Carrie Nation enroute with twelve women to Wetmore on next train."

Adjoining my father's restaurant was a saloon, the only one in Wetmore at the time, and run by a personal friend of his. My father was a strict teetotaler, raised as such by a strict father and mother, but wholeheartedly opposed to seeing his friend's saloon ransacked. Charles immediately went next door and handed the telegram to saloon owner Sam, offering to be of help.

The two men went to work pouring all the whiskey and other spirits out of their bottles and storing it elsewhere, in the meantime filling all the empty bottles with water colored with coffee grounds to simulate the real thing. The saloon owner also turned small pieces of his most valued furniture over to Charles for safekeeping.

Arrival of Carrie and protesting ladies resulted in the usual mayhem as hatchets and baseball bats destroyed not only all apparent liquor but also furniture, glassware and mirrors that were found by the wrought-up and dedicated ladies. The saloon went out of business then and there.

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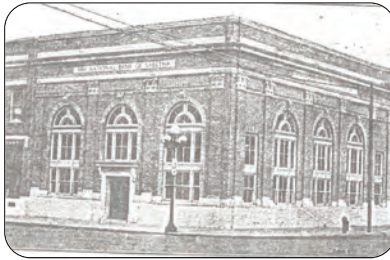
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NEMAHA COUNTY ART & ARCHITECTURE

After being preceded by the Sabetha State Bank in 1877, First National in 1883 and State Bank of Kansas in 1885, the National Bank of Sabetha was organized in 1891 and the building sits today where it was built in the mid 1920's. It would have been built earlier, but the construction of this light buff brick and trimmed in light colored stone building was delayed due the war efforts toward World War I. But once it had been completed, the Seneca Courier Tribune in an editorial dated Sept. 30, 1935, called it the finest and most magnificent structure of its type in all of Northeast Kansas. Since that date and with the stock market crash, that structure still remains as a bank with a few more name changes between then and the present.



In the mid 1960's, it was known as the Farmer's State Bank. Local retailer George Stoller who owned and operated a paint and floor covering store across the street in the center of the block was commissioned to create a mosaic design within the upper three-quarters of each of the six large windows of the banks main floor depicting agriculture and manufacturing that had by that time formed this community. In the stone pediment high above the Main Street entrance are the words "National Bank." Presently known as the United Bank & Trust, information for the article came from that institution's Vice President Bart White.

SALOON OUT OF BUSINESS *continued from page 3*

Sam gave his furniture storage items to my father Charles. We still have one small remaining walnut table with us today, inherited from my father and mother. It's a reminder of the good old days of yore when Carrie and her girls let hatchets and clubs do the talking for them.

HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETS

An invitation has been received for the N.C.H.S. to be present at the Kansas State Historical Society, Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 for the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review. In a classroom of the Kansas Museum of History at 6425 S.W. Sixth Ave. in Topeka, KS., at 9:00 a.m., the Committee of the Kansas Historic Sites will publicly evaluate not only our Masonic Temple grant application, but the applications of all organizations who seek funding for their historic preservations.

Although our attendance is not a requirement for the evaluation of our application, it is an opportunity to verbally express to the committee in a time slot ranging between 2 and 3 minutes on the merits of our project. With there being between 40 and 50 applications submitted annually, the committee's time is limited and they wish to be fair to everyone.

At a later date, all applicants will be notified in writing as to whether they will be awarded any of the 2016 round of grants. The list of approved grant applications will be posted at www.kshs.org Directions to the building may be found at this same web site.

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Compiled by Greg Newlin

Recently there has been a fear shown by many American citizens, our government plus a presidential candidate derived from not only border crossings from the south but of those from the middle east who wish to enter our nation to escape persecution because of civil wars and to seek freedom to worship as they choose. That freedom guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution to follow the religion of their choice has been a primary factor for "bring me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Historically, whether in their homeland or in this country, people in general have chosen to distance themselves from the ethnicity and the beliefs of others especially when it infringes upon their own well being.

Dating back to the 1500's. Protestant England was fearful of Spain's presence in the Americas. The great wealth of precious metals being funneled back to Catholic Spain had triggered a monetary jealousy and distrust of Catholicism which brought about England's challenge of the Spanish on the high seas, culminating with their defeat in the Spanish Armada in 1588. From that point in time, the power of Spain began to decline and they never had the resources to spread into North America except for small settlements and missions in the west.

The first mid-Atlantic settlement by the English was at Jamestown in 1607. It was not intended to be permanent as the first ships brought only men who were intent upon finding mineral riches like those that the Spanish had plundered in South and Central America. The hardships endured by these men were quite severe reducing their numbers, making those that did survive that much more eager to return to England. However, with the introduction of the cultivation of tobacco to those settlers by the Indians and its acceptance and addiction to it for those here and back in England there became a reason for them to stay. Another reason was the introduction of women to this colony in 1619, thus now with women and a valuable crop this colony became permanent.

Before this and around 1608, the French founded Quebec sending Catholic missionaries, fur traders and explorers southward claiming for France all of the Mississippi River Valley. Perhaps the best known of the early French immigrants were the French Huguenots, who were a small group of protestants who had joined the Pilgrims in Holland and sailed with them aboard the Mayflower. In Pennsylvania, the first Huguenot settlers arrived before William Penn. Their overall presence was estimated to be about 15,000. Also around this time and further east, the Dutch had planted their flag all along the Hudson River in the central part of present-day state of New York with their capitol of New Amsterdam being situated where the city of New York now sits. Quite happy in the Netherlands, few wanted to come to America, so for those who already came it was easy for them to give up what stakes they had here when confronted by English warships in 1664.

Immigration to the colonies from England proceeded rapidly during the early colonial years but by the second decade of the 16th century this pattern began to slow down. The practice of using the American colonies as a dumping ground for undesirables continued into the 18th century and came to an end at the time of the Revolution. By a parliamentary act in 1717, and instead of sending them to the gallows English authorities felt by transporting an estimated 30,000 vagrants,, paupers, orphans, military

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and political prisoners they were allowing them to rehabilitate themselves. At the time of the revolution, the population for the colonies had reached 2.5 million with more than three quarters having a common English ancestry. With the English language and traditions already firmly established in the colonies, at the end of the 17th century large groups of Germans, Scotch-Irish and French joined this migrant stream to America. Prior to the American Revolutionary War, and even afterward, the English have had a great deal to do with the migrations to the United States as we shall continue to see.

To continue with Part II in the next Pioneer Press.

NEMAHA COUNTY PIONEER

Solomon R. Myers

One hundred forty-eight years ago, Solomon R. Myers, the son and sixth child of Jonas and Marguerite Treadwell Myers migrated from McDonough CO., Illinois, where he was born April 4, 1849. Jonas was born at North Carolina in 1810 and he was a descendant of Thomas Myers, a native of Germany. In 1866 at Illinois, Jonas passed away and in two years Marguerite moved with her son Solomon and his wife Mary settling first in 1868 in Morrill Twp. in Brown CO., KS. Marguerite passed away Feb. 16, 1887 and is buried in the Morrill



Cemetery, not far away from the Myer's 400 acre homestead in Section 22.

In 1881, the Myers family left Brown CO. and moved to Nemaha County's Rock Creek Twp. where he farmed 160 acres in the southeast corner of Section NO. 28, 160 acres in the southwest corner of Section NO. 27, 80 acres in the northeast corner of Section NO. 33 and 80 acres in the northwest corner of Section NO. 34 with Gregg Creek running through the center of all four tracts of land. Mr. Myers improved these acres and cultivated it with considerable success until his retirement to a home at Sabetha in 1911.

Mary Thompson Myers, born Jan. 11, 1849 married Solomon at Plymouth, Illinois on Feb. 7, 1867 and to this union were born the following ten pictured children: Carrie, Sarah, James, Della, George, Roxy, Marguerite, Ione, Irene and Hester. Two sons, Albert and Alfred had died before this photo was taken by the Strathman Photo Studio in Seneca for Ralph Tennial's History of Nemaha County book, published in 1916.

The political and civic career of this pioneer citizen has been a noteworthy one. Beginning in 1890, he was elected and served two consecutive terms as a county commissioner. He was a member of the state legislature as a representative from Nemaha CO. in 1903. From 1891 to 1911, he served as a member of the Rock Creek Township School Board. As a raiser of livestock, his cattle feeding operation fed as many as 500 head annually. He owned property in Sabetha where he served as a shareholder and director of the National Bank of Sabetha. Both buried in the Sabetha Cemetery, Solomon passed away June 30, 1933 and his wife Mary died earlier on Sept. 16, 1921.

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Feb.10 - March 10, 1905

Editor Fred W. Lehman

CLEMENT-GUGLEMAN

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Chas. TICKNOR on Tuesday evening 8 o'clock at the home of M/M GUILD. Only members of the family were there to witness the marriage of Miss Adelside CLEMENT to Mr. Fred GUGLEMAN, one of the progressive young farmers of Bern. Etc. Mrs. Chas. TICKNOR played the wedding march, etc. The bride made her home with M/M GUILD for several years. The worthy young couple will begin housekeeping on the farm of Mr. W.R. GUILD.

Public Sale: C.W. BIDDLE farm 3 miles north of Bern on the state line, 4 ½ miles east and 2 miles south of DuBois and 7 miles north and 7 west of Sabetha, and 10 ½ miles south and 1 west of Humboldt, on what is known as the Chris BLAUER farm, Thursday, February 16, 1905. Etc.

Stock Sale: Christ LORTSCHER farm 2 miles north of Bern, Tuesday, February 14, 1905. Etc.

Miss Leta KEELER, who teaches in the Ramsey district, is home this week with grip.

Miss Edna BISHOP, of DuBois, and Chas. F. CONLIN of Sabetha, were married in Seneca last week. Miss BISHOP made her home with the family of George ROTH for several years.

Mr. GRIMM moved to the Abe BLAUER farm east of town, recently vacated by C.D. HINKLEY, who moved to a farm southeast of Sabetha.

Feb. 17, 1905

Public Sale: Ed MORRIS will sell stock at his farm located 1 mile north and 5 miles east of Bern, and 4 miles west and 6 miles north of Sabetha, on Friday, Feb. 24, 1905.

Mrs. O.C. BLAUER went to Sabetha to visit her parents M/M HARTER.

M/M Wm. MILLER, Jr. will move, this spring, onto the farm vacated by Fred MATHES.

F.W. CONNOR went to Sabetha Friday for a visit with his parents.

John HEMRICH was up from Horton this week to visit his sister, Mrs. Chas. LORENTZ.

Miss Katie FREED who is staying in Sabetha came for a visit with her parents.

Mrs. PEAK left for her home in Manhattan, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. ATWOOD.

Fred MATHES and wife who have been living on the MATHES farm, moved this week to a farm near Pawnee. Mrs. Geo ROTH of near Middleburg, died last Monday. Her death was caused by heart failure. The funeral was held yesterday.

The infant daughter of M/M A.A. GERMAIN died Thursday at noon. The funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. TICKNOR, and internment made in Bern Cemetery.

Osmer GERMAIN from DuBois traded his farm 4 miles south of Bern for T.M. STRAHM's north of town, the farm known as Geo. HAUSER farm.

Mr. DRIGGS, of Philipsburg purchased the hotel property of Mrs. ATWOOD and will take possession on first of next month.

Married:

Mr. Anton RASSMUSSE and Miss Minnie GEWECHE at the L.E. Parsonage, last Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. Otto WINNAT officiating.

Feb. 24, 1905

Henry BEHRNES from Powhattan visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Will BRENKER from Beatrice visiting relatives here.

Jesse CUSTARD of Marysville visiting his sister, Mrs. A.H. NUSBAUM.

Henry SIEMS' brother, Will, of DeWitt, Nebr. and his cousin, Lewis MEIER, were here visiting relatives.

Mr. L.E. SIMPSON who has been visiting friends left for Denver where he will make his headquarters.

Mrs. CHANDLER and baby of Steinauer, Nebr. stopped to visit with Sabetha friends and Mrs. T.M. STRAHM.

Earl HARTER from Sabetha to visit his sister, Mrs. O.C. BLAUER.

Mr. Emery AUGER of Corinth, Miss., visiting the homes of T.M. STRAHM and Henry ALBEE and formerly lived near Berwick.

#Deer Creek Valley

Mrs. MORTON is still with her sick daughter in Chicago, ILL.

Mrs. SCHUTE visiting her cousin, Mrs. FORD.

MAR. 5, 1905

Public Sale: Eli Cox will sell on P.W. COX's farm 3 miles south and 1 east of Bern and 3 miles north and 1 west of Oneida on March 9, 1905. Etc.

Mrs. G.M. GAFFORD passed away February 9 in Chicago, where she had gone to have an operation. Dr. GAFFORD and family were well known in Bern, having lived here several years. Mrs. GAFFORD's death left four children without a mother's care.

Walter BEDEA moved to a farm near DuBois.

J.W. KOSO and family have moved to Wetmore.

Onie STRAWN and family left for Colorado Springs where they intend to locate.

Robert SCOTT left Wednesday for Caldwell, Idaho, where he will again take up the barber trade.

Mrs. STRUBE returned to Powhattan after a visit with her parents, M/M H. POPPE.

Solomon STEINER who has been visiting relatives returned to Illinois Monday.

Miss Dena REINHART and Milo GEUSLER were married at Seneca last Wednesday.

T.J. STOVER, the Middleburg Merchant, went to Missouri last week and returned Tuesday bringing with him a wife.

Will CONRAD left from Broken Bow, Nebr. where he will try the hardware business with his uncle, Otto CONRAD.

Miss HOSTETTLER, a niece of Mrs. G.A. MANSBARDT, from Lincoln, Nebr., came for a short visit at the MANSBARDT home.

M/M ALLBEE moved on Miss KOESTER's farm east of town and J.H. KRIETZER and family to BATEY farm vacated by Henry ALLBEE.

M/M KERNS of Powhattan, arrived here Saturday. Mrs.

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KERNS was formerly Miss Emma KOESTER, visiting at the home of her aunt.

Dr. C.M. FISHER was called to Sabetha Saturday to hold a coroner's inquest over the body of Dr. RICHARDSON, who committed suicide at his home south of Sabetha. Mr. Wm BREDEMEIER, of DuBois and Miss Tillie LANGE were married at the home of the bride's parents, February 22, and begun housekeeping on a farm of the groom's father.

B.S. BARE left Sunday for Atchison, where he was married to Mrs. Marguerite JOHNSON of Effingham, Kansas. They will reside in Effingham.

A birthday party was given at the home of M/M August POPPE, Thursday, March 2nd, celebrating the birthdays of Grandpa SHRAHES, Aug. POPPE, Fred KORBER and Mr. KERNS which happen to fall on that day.

#District NO. 84

Mr. J. KRUITZER is moving to the house vacated by H. ALLBEE.

#Nemaha Valley Items

Leslie GELLATLY is spending this week near Salem with his brother, Jake and family.

Changes in the neighborhood this week in moving. Bert EATON moved to BUTTNER's farm, Tom GELLATLY moved to EATON's farm and Geo. KORBER moved to a farm vacated by GELLATLY.

Mr. STIRK visit his cousin, Mrs. John WALTER last week. Mr. Frank FORD will soon move to the MOORE farm

southeast of Oneida.

Mr. Fred GREY of Manhattan, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. G.M. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Henry MOST will soon move to the farm recently purchased by T.M. STRAHM.

There was a surprise party at Mr. OTT's last Friday night, it being their 19th marriage anniversary.

Died:

Mrs. Sewell GARRETT died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry BLAUER, last Friday, February 24, at 5:00 a.m., at the age of 63 years, 3 months, 18 days. The deceased was born Nov. 7, 1841 in Indiana. At the age of 9 years she, with her parents, moved to the state of Illinois. In the month of August 1862 she was married to Sewell GARRETT, her now sorrowing husband. To them were born four children, two sons and two daughters, two of whom preceded her into the better world. She leaves a husband, one daughter, one son, two brothers, and two sisters to mourn her departure.

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**THE BUSINESS OF THE NEMAHA CO.
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The N.C.H.S. held its Reorganizational Meeting on Mar. 8, 2016. Those attending were Anita Heiman, Karen Holthaus, Raymond Thieme, Joyce Olberding, DarlAnn Rial, Marlene Geyser, Freda Dobbins, Melvin Baker, Greg Newlin & Patty Byers. Secretary's & Treasurer Reports were approved.

2015 Financial Report

Income & Spending - Twelve Month Report / Jan. 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Beginning Balance		\$21,037.64
Contributions	\$31,277.78	
Dues	2,115.00	
Fundraisers	12,205.13	
Grants	7,226.00	
Investment Income	10,578.69	
Memorials	1,730.00	
Other	493.26	
Total Income		\$65,625.86
Administrative	\$14,587.15	
Contract Labor	2,614.00	
Fundraisers	5,195.88	
Grants	4,737.50	
Insurance	2,391.00	
Facilities/Maintenance	6,058.54	
Utilities	3,123.96	
Total Expenses		\$38,708.03
Ending Cash Balance		47,955.37
Restricted Funds	\$42,240.00	
HTF Grant - \$22,240 match		
(\$111,200 project; \$88,960 funded)		
STEP Grant - \$20,000 cash match,		
(\$40,000 project; \$10,000 funded; \$10,000 CD)		
Available Cash Funds		\$5,715.37

Mel Baker reviewed the progress preparations of the Golf Classic to be held on Apr. 2 at Spring Creek Golf Course. All directors had been assigned jobs for that day and we are appreciative to receive as much local sponsor support as well as from the Ford Motor Co.

Patty Byers recapped the Ft. Riley Tourism Expo held on Feb. 27, she as well as Anita & Mel coordinated with Kylee Luckeroth of SDI/Chamber of Commerce to promote Seneca, Nemaha CO. & historical museums. Karen Holthaus reported that she is adding the museum's exhibits to the Past Perfect online collection in an effort to showcase the wide range of exhibits available. For access to this, use this web site:
<http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/>

The process of obtaining grants for repairing our aging facilities is well underway. DarlAnn updated the Board on the progress of the Kansas State Historical Trust Fund Grant which will help pay for repairs to the Military Museum. Anita has signed the grant agreement & it has been properly filed. A prospective project consultant did tour the Military Museum on Mar. 29. DarlAnn also updated the Board on the STEP Grant that we were awarded to help pay for replacing the deteriorating windows in the historic jail & sheriff's residence. Six windows have already been replaced at a cost of \$6,000, & the balance of the windows will be replaced as soon as the weather permits. If necessary, we will apply for another STEP Grant to complete the window restoration project. In addition, a grant request will be filed in July 2016 to help pay for repairs to the roof & ceiling of the historical jail, as well as tucking brinks around the windows.

In an effort to reach the far ends of the county, Greg Newlin volunteered & did negotiate a time with Sabetha's Apostolic Christian Home administration for an afternoon tea for Mar. 29 between 2:30 & 4:30 in the West Village dining room to show the Strathman glass plate negative books to residents of the apartment complex as well as to any visitors.

The following officers were elected by unanimous ballot: Anita Heiman, President; Melvin Baker, Vice-President; Raymond Thieme, Treasurer & Patty Byers, Secretary. President Heiman made the following appointments: DarlAnn Rial, Corresponding Secretary; Karen Holthaus, Genealogy, Research Librarian & Audit Committee Chairman; Alma Ackerman, Membership; Greg Newlin, Pioneer Press Editor, Marketing, Landscaping & Grounds; DarlAnn Rial & Marlene Geyser, Archivists; Bob Ackerman, Maintenance; Freda Dobbins, Bancroft Depot Museum Rep. & Nominating Committee Chairman; Joyce Olberding, Memorials & Recognitions & Patty Byers, Travel & Tourism Rep.

Heiman announced that Mary Steinlage is no longer able to keep up the museum scrapbook. Karen Holthaus & Ray Thieme offered to take over these responsibilities.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC

Chairman Mel Baker announced that the annual golf classic held at the Seneca Spring Creek Golf Course on Sat., April 2, 2016 has been another successful event for providing funding of the preservation of the artifacts at the Temple of Honor Military Museum. It was a sunny as well as a windy day where nineteen 4-person teams bravely faced the fierce wind representing veterans from past several wars. Some of the participating players are active duty members of the U.S. Military. Like in the past 6 years, the community has been consistently supportive and this year's Heritage Days Golf Classic was no different receiving that same strong support from many Nemaha CO. businesses and individuals showing their appreciation through free certificates as hole prizes and contest awards.

This year, over 48 sponsors helped fund the tournament's support of our military museum. Participating teams split into 2 different flights and each flight were awarded for the top 3 places. First Place in the first flight was the team of Justin, Duane & Kevin Burdick with Drew Olberding, followed by the team of Barry Broxterman, Allen Schmelze, Dan Heideman & Keith Lackey in second, and finishing third was the Sheriff's team of Broc Korber, Rich Vernon, Jordan Weaver & Brian Winkler. In the second flight coming in first place were these team members: Val & Aurea Schmitz, Roy Nider & Bill Munson, followed by the team of Bonnie & Sharon Enneking and Carol & Eric Buetzer in second place, and finishing in third place was the team of Ken, Rick, Jacob & Dan Carlson.

Winning an ear phone from Radio Shack for the longest putt on the green was Carolyn McKnight of the O'Keefe Team. Sharon Enneking of the Baileyville Bank Team won two \$10 certificates to Schmitz Deli of Seneca for the longest drive in fairway by a woman. Justin Burdick won \$100 cash for the closest to the pin on a second shot. For the longest putt on a green, Broc Korber won 2 passes to the Kansas Museum of History at Topeka, KS. Chad Ohlsen won \$100 cash for the closest to the pin on second shot & Chad Baker won two \$10 certificates to Schmitz Deli for the longest drive in a fairway. Other prizes won were 2 adult and 2 children passes to the Netawaka Fitness Center to winner Bill Munson, 3 passes to the Sports Center in Topeka to winner Ray Block, 2 passes to the Firekeeper Golf Course at Prairie Band Casino to Allen Schmelze. Of the two prizes donated by A.H.R.S., a mobile phone power pak went to winner Carol Buetzer & Swiss knives went to Bryce Bradley.

7 th Annual Heritage Days Golf Classic - 19 teams			-
Total Team Pay (\$3800)			\$3800
70% team payout			\$2660
1 st Place \$665 x 2 flights=	\$1330		
2 nd Place \$400 x 2 flights=	\$800		
3 rd Place \$265 x 2 flights=	\$530		
	\$2660.00		
NCHS 30% Take Home			\$1140
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JUNE GARAGE SALE PLANNED

N.C.H.S. President, Anita Heiman is organizing an additional garage sale fundraiser for June 3 - 4 at the museum's Burger One Annex in conjunction with the Seneca Chamber/SDI city wide garage sale. Items are being collected now at the museum through May and can be delivered on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locally, if you need someone to pick up items, call Anita at 785-556-4094 or Greg at 785-547-6275.

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

By Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot Museum is looking forward to hosting the N.C.H.S. Board of Directors meeting May 10, 2016. Board members and staff will tour the Depot Museum prior to the Board's Quarterly Meeting that evening.

The 2016 Summer season at the Depot Museum will begin this year on Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday, May 28, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a gathering for the re-opening of the museum. Those attending will enjoy cookies and lemonade while checking out the museum's exhibits until 4 p.m. If not able to join us on that day, the museum will be open from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, and 2-4 p.m. on Monday, May 30, Memorial Day.

The other special event for the Bancroft Depot Museum will be on Sunday, June 26, at 5:00 p.m. when the annual picnic will be held. Everyone is invited to join the fun evening of music by supporters of the museum, Gary Bell and friends. Bring your lawn chairs, some food to share and come to enjoy the shade and music! The museum will provide table service, hot dogs with all of the fixings, drinks and homemade ice cream.

The normal hours for the museum to be open are from 2 to 4 every Sunday afternoon from Memorial Day weekend through the end of September 2016. Special hours can be arranged by calling 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197. Do plan a visit to your local Bancroft Depot Museum!

The museum can be reached by taking KS. Highway 9 west from Goff to KS. Highway 62. Turn left, or south on 62 and proceed 3 miles to 24th Rd., turn left, or east and continue 3 miles on 24th Rd. The museum is just southeast of the intersection of 24th & S Roads.



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2016 HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT AWARDED

We submitted our grant application for the necessary repair & restoration work to be done on the Temple of Honor Military Museum Nov. 2, 2015. Meeting on February 5, 2016, a N.C.H.S. committee was given the opportunity to verbally state our needs before the Kansas Historical Site Board of Review, a group that is appointed by the Governor of Kansas. Not very long after that date, we received word that our grant had been accepted and we are to receive \$88,960.00.

Other grants at this time were awarded to the following: Allen Family Home in Atchison CO., Fulton High/Grade School in Bourbon CO., Viets Block in Butler CO., Girl Scout Little House in Clark CO., Hotel Stilwell & St. John's Episcopal Church in Crawford CO., White Cloud School in Doniphan CO., I.O. Pickering House in Johnson CO., Little Stranger Church/Cemetery in Leavenworth CO., Evangelical Lutheran School in Lincoln CO., Emporia Granada Theatre & Lowther Junior High in Lyon CO., William Mills House in Miami CO., Banner Hereford Farm, Calvinistic Methodist Church/Arvonia & Wells P. Bailey House in Osage CO., Derby Historical Museum & McAdams-Fultz House in Sedgwick CO., Horace Lyons House & St. Joseph's German Catholic Church in Shawnee CO. & Fire Station NO. 9 in Wyandotte CO.

At an April 19, 2016 N.C.H.S. Board meeting, Grant Administrator DarlAnn Rial presented the Architect Consultant Proposal from Lawrence, KS. Hernly Assocs. for the HTF 2016-16 rehabilitation project. The committee reviewed the projected fees for consultant services and approved the proposal on a motion from Bob Ackerman and seconded by Karen Holthaus. The Kansas State Historical Society (SHPO) must approve the draft contract before it can be signed.

Other restoration news located on page 6

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PART I NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

This is the beginning of a series covering the school buildings of the county. All of the school buildings that I plan to cover whether on the primary or secondary level were constructed in the 1880's, which has been identified as a time of prosperity in Kansas and a statewide building boom. The construction at this time of the grade and high school buildings had been greatly influenced by college architecture which had a preference for neo-Medieval, castle-like structures in the style of pointed arched Gothic or round-arched Romanesque (especially Richardsonian Romanesque). College founders and Chancellors wanted to have a building that would stand out in a pretentious way, appropriately to show the importance of their school, which influenced those contractors responsible for the design and construction of public buildings in Nemaha County, as well as many other counties throughout our state. As goes the world of fashion, imitation in architecture is as common as it is complimentary. It is unfortunate, that the dates we possess at the museum for these photos is when the picture was taken and not anything on when the structure was built, however because of the architecture style that was prevalent in the late 1880's we can conclude that those pictured here were built then.



Oneida School
1918 - 1920



Centralia School
1906



Seneca Public
1917

WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART XII

Edmund G. Ross of Wabaunsee County, who in later years became a United States Senator was at the time the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention was in session in July 1859 an editor of a weekly newspaper in Topeka. He had no ability as a speaker, but had extraordinary good judgement; was earnest in his convictions and broad-minded. The most influential Republicans were Samuel Austin Kingman representing Brown County and Solon Otis Thacher of Douglas County. Born June 26, 1818 in Worthington, Mass., Kingman married on Oct. 29, 1844 to Matilda Willets Hartman, who was born in May of 1822. He was educated in local Massachusetts schools, moved to Kentucky where he taught school and studied law. After a short stay in Iowa, the Kingman family moved to the Kansas Territory in 1857, settling first on a Brown CO. farm, then moving into Hiawatha. In 1859, he became a member of the state supreme court and from 1867 to 1876 he served as chief justice. Thacher, born Aug. 31, 1830 in Hornellsville, N.Y. delivered a great speech at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention against Negro exclusion.

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IMMIGRATION MIGRATIONS PATTERNS PART II

Compiled by Greg Newlin

Germans found colonial America to be a haven from the war-battered and famine-ridden Rhineland states. In 1683, the Concord dropped anchor off Philadelphia bringing 13 German families under the leadership of Francis Daniel Pastorius. They established Germantown, the first permanent German settlement in the colonies. The success of their settlement brought many more to join them in Pennsylvania.

The first contingent of **German Palatines** arrived in New York in 1710. The expenses of their transportation and settlement were paid for by the English government in return for indenturing themselves to produce naval stores for the British Navy until profits paid all the expenses for their transportation. They were soon established in a number of villages. The main avenue for advance into Virginia and North Carolina by these early Germans was through the Shenandoah Valley. By 1750 an almost continuous zone of German settlements had been established along the frontier from the Mohawk region in New York to Savannah, Georgia. By this time, those Germans who had settled in Pennsylvania had moved to Maryland.

After the Revolution, pioneers of German stock joined the westward movement across the mountains and down the river valleys to Kentucky, Tennessee and the West. By the 1830's the German advance up the Missouri was well underway, some coming across the country from the East, others up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Cincinnati and St. Louis. By 1860, the German element constituted 31% of this Nation's foreign-born population.

It is difficult to determine how many Irish actually did reach America in Colonial times for the early records drew no distinction between the Gaelic Catholics and those who became known as the Scotch-Irish. These were Presbyterians from the Scottish Lowlands who had settled in Northern Ireland in the early 1600's and later came to the colonies in large numbers. Because of restrictions against the immigration of Catholics into the colonies, it is believed that most of those who came in Colonial days were the Scotch-Irish.

Seven hundred **Scotch-Irish** arrived in Boston in 1718. This number of immigrants arriving at once, panicked the Bostonians who feared famine or worse. They decided to send them 40 miles away to the frontier to act as a barrier against the Indians. By 1720, 5,000 more had arrived and they were scattered in farms and villages from Maine to the foothills of the Berkshires of western Massachusetts.

In other colonies the influx followed the same pattern. The **Scotch-Irish** had a reputation of being a quarrelsome lot and almost everywhere they settled friction developed with their neighbors over religion and other issues. They were constantly pushed westward and became the typical western "squatters," the frontier guard of a colony. By the 1760's they were beyond the mountains moving into Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio.

In the first century of colonization, the wilderness had not been penetrated any great distance except for a few settlements up the broader rivers. But in the 50 years after the mass migration of the **Scotch-Irish**, the area of settlement had been tripled. An estimated 250,000 arrived in the half-century before the Revolutionary War.

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I have kept many of the documents of my parents as well as my grand parents. One in particular is the 1933 marriage certificate of my parents that I find so interesting. In addition to the main, or legal part stating the date, participants as well as those who witnessed, there are below these instructions or guidelines from the inside of the back cover on How to Perpetuate The Honeymoon:

Continue your courtship, as Like causes produce like effects.

Do not assume a right to neglect your companion, more after marriage than you did before.

Have no secrets that you keep from your companion. A third party is always disturbing.

Avoid the appearance of evil. In matrimonial matters it is often that the mere appearance contains all the evil. Love, as soon as it rises above calculation and becomes love is exacting. It gives all, and demands all.

Make the best of the inevitable. Persist in looking at and presenting the best side. Smile and smile. A cheerful disposition can be acquired, and it will carry you thru many a discouraging situation.

Keep a lively interest in the business of the firm. Two that do not pull together, are weaker than either alone.

Start from where your parents started, rather than where they now are. Hollow and showy boarding often furnishes too strong temptation, while the quietness of a humble home would cement the hearts beyond risk.

Avoid debt. Spend your own money, then it will not be necessary to blame anyone for spending other peoples.

Do not both get angry at the same time. It takes two to make a quarrel.

Do not allow yourself to come to an open rupture. Things unsaid need less repentance.

Study to understand your companion's disposition, in order to please and avoid friction. Try to conform your tastes and habits to the tastes and habits of your companion. If two walk together, they must agree.

Guage your expenses by your revenues. Love must eat. The sheriff often levies on Cupid long before he takes away the old furniture.

JAIL & SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Grant Writer DarlAnn Rial presented to the board meeting on April 19, 2016 the estimate and photographs of brick masonry work as submitted by carpenter Dick Miller. DarlAnn requested permission to develop a Jail & Sheriff's Residence rehabilitation project that would include new roof (flat and shingles), jail ceiling repair and the brick masonry work. This projected \$40,000.00 project would first be submitted to the County Commissioners by Melvin Baker, Ray Thieme and MS. Rial for funding, and then organized for several grant applications if necessary. The roof needs to be replaced now and the ceiling and brick repair can be scheduled for 2017. On a motion by Alma Ackerman and seconded by Ray Thieme, the Executive committee approved the plan.



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The continuation of
THE BERN GAZETTE

March 10 - March 31, 1905

Editor Fred W. Lehman

Gus HECHT and family are moving on their farm 8 miles northeast of here.

Geo. KORBER home arrival of a nine pound boy Friday, March 3rd.

J. S. STUNZ of St. Joseph is visiting relatives.

M/M Claus SIEMS of Dewitt, Nebr. visiting relatives.

C. S. KING of South Dakota, visiting with A. L. BRANSON. Henry BRENNER visiting daughter, Mrs. FRANKE at Fairview, Kansas.

Mr. C. W. BIDDLE and family moved Monday to the farm which they bought near Sabetha.

Mrs. Van FISHER and son Glen drove from Seneca to spend the day with Dr. and Mrs. FISHER.

W. L. KAUFFMAN left Saturday for Lincoln to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry KAUFFMAN.

Mrs. Del GERMAIN and children went to DuBois last Saturday, returning first of week accompanied by her nephew, Mr. CARTER.

Mrs. Henry KAUFFMAN died at her home in Lincoln, Nebraska, Thursday, March 2nd. An infant daughter died the same day and buried with the mother, Sunday, March 5th.

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Miss Myrtle SCOTT visited with her mother, Mrs. H. D. GERMAIN.

Mar. 17, 1905

John JOHNSON was helping his son, Orville, move to Baileyville. -Sabetha Herald

John MEINBERG on Saturday traded his town house for G. A. SCHEUNEMAN'S farm four miles north of Seneca...the old SUFFCOOL farm.

A baby boy born M/M Samuel HAXTON, Sat., Mar. 11.

Heber COPLER and family have moved to the old Sam MINGER farm vacated by Mr. CONNOR.

M/M Henry LEHMAN announce the arrival of a boy at their home in Idalia, Colo., Friday, March 10.

Miss Estelle STRAHM left Tuesday for Topeka, where she will spend the next three months studying music at Washburn College.

P. C. JOHNSON went to Kansas City Friday and returned with his daughter, Mrs. ELROD.

Miss Louisa FAHSOLTZ, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. SCHAAP, returned to her home in Topeka.

Mr. J. D. WOLCOTT arrived from Montrose in answer to a message the serious illness of his little daughter, Madeline.

John FASHOLTZ and Mrs. Lizzie MOSTELLER were married by the probate judge in Pawnee City, Tuesday, March 7th. M/M FASHOLTZ will live in Dickinson CO. where the groom has made his home for several years. We were informed that Mr. Geo. BEYREIS and Miss Mary HANNI were married last week. Known around Bern, both having lived a number of years. They will continue to make this part of the country their home.

Mrs. Bertha MORTON-BRANNIGAN died Tuesday at her home in Chicago and the remains laid to rest in the Sabetha Cemetery yesterday. The deceased was at one time a teacher in the school here.

Nemaha Valley Items

Casper HAFFNER and family have moved in the house recently vacated by Geo. KORBER.

Edd and Elsie HUNZEKER visited near Humboldt, Nebr. their uncle, Christ RIST and family.

Deer Creek Valley

Mr. Eli COX's sale last week was largely attended. Mr. Cox will go to Montrose, Colo.

March 24, 1905

Claude KINCAID visited his parents near Fairview.

M/M MICHAELS attended the funeral of Mrs. BRANNIGAN held at Sabetha.

Miss Daisy WALTER returned home after several days visit with relatives on Clear Creek. Daisy's two cousins, Mr. and Miss KIRK accompanied her home and will spend some time at the WALTER's home.

Fred LIONBERGER was down from Burchard, Nebr., on business.

A boy born to M/M J. F. BAUMGARTNER Thursday, March 23.

Eli COX left for Sterling, Colorado where he intends to locate on a ranch suited with the country and climate.

M/M Amos CUSTARD returned to their home in Wymore, Nebr., after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. H. NUSBAUM.

Mrs. M. M. AUSTIN and baby of Sabetha, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Edith KENNEDY, from Kansas City, spent Saturday at the home of M/M Harve BURGETT.

M/M John DURNER arrived here from Garnett, Kansas and are settled in the home they bought of Mr. Jacob WITTMER. His son, Gus DURNER and family are living in Kansas City and we understand they intend to move back to Bern in the near future.

Dr. FISHER drove to Seneca Wednesday morning to attend the preliminary trial of HYDER and GEREN. Mrs. FISHER and Mrs. C. J. LEHMAN and son Carl left the same day for Seneca and from there all went to Valley Falls to be present at the marriage of their cousin, Miss Grace LEGLER, Thursday evening.

Mr. Henry PEPPER arrived here from Illinois last Wednesday with the remains of Mrs. Louise NEIDERT, who died last Sunday. After her husband's death a few months ago she went to Illinois with her daughter, Mrs. PEPPER, at whose home she died. She was 65 years-old, and had been failing for some time stricken with apoplexy, which caused her death. Her daughter was sick and unable to accompany the remains and be present at the funeral service which were held from the Lutheran Church. She was laid to rest beside her husband who died last January.

Charged with Murder.

William GEREN, his wife Adelaide GEREN and his son-in-law, Hugh HYDER, were placed under arrest at their home near Bancroft last Wednesday morning and brought to Seneca on the charge of having caused the death of the infant son of HYDER. The parties named are well known in that vicinity. GEREN and his family have been residents of that part of the county for years,

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THE BERN GAZETTE *Continued*

and are classed among the prosperous farmers, owning a good farm one mile north of Bancroft, where they live. HYDER has grown up in the same neighborhood and owns an eighty near the GEREN farm. Young HYDER had been for some time paying attention to and on Oct. 25, 1904 was married to Clare, a seventeen-year-old daughter of M/M GEREN. Since their marriage, HYDER and his wife have lived in the GEREN's home. On the 25th of February, four months to a day after their marriage, Mrs. HYDER gave birth to a 10 lb. boy, Dr. WATKINS, of Goffs being the attending physician. When the physician made a return trip to see his patient the baby had disappeared. Conflicting statements as to the whereabouts of the child were proven untrue and the matter was reported to the county authorities. An inquest was decided upon, and Tuesday Dr. FISHER, of Bern, the coroner, and County Attorney HEROLD and Sheriff DENNIS, of Seneca, went over to Bancroft for that purpose. To them HYDER explained that he had left the baby lying wrapped in a blanket at the foot of the mother's bed, while he went to work, and that when he returned he found the baby dead. He showed them the place in the garden where he had buried it and the body was exhumed and an autopsy held. A coroner's jury was summoned. They returned a verdict that the child came to its death from a wound on its head and by being smothered at the hands of Mrs. GEREN and H. C. HYDER and that Wm. GEREN was accessory - Seneca Courier.

March 31, 1905

Frank A. BRANNAGIAN and sister-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn POWELL, came in from Mrs. MORTON's north of Seneca, Tuesday, and took the afternoon train for his home in Chicago, and will make arrangements for the future, owing of his wife's death. - Sabetha Star
Dave RICKARD has been here visiting his sister, Mrs. Fred MINGER.

Mrs. John PERKINS visited her parents M/M. FREED.
Mrs. Harve BURGETT went to Sabetha to visit relatives.
Hugh JOHNSON left for St. Joseph to begin work as a salesman in a clothing store.

Miss Sybilla LOHMAN came to attend the convention remained a few days to visit her sister, Mrs. Jacob SHOBER.

Mr. Henry PEPPER here last week with the remains of Mrs. Louisa NEIDERT, returned to his home in Illinois.
John and Henry MEIER of Minnesota are here visiting their brother, who works for Aug. POPPE, and also their cousin, Henry SIEMS and family.

Mrs. Fred POPPE went to DuBois to visit relatives and friends. Mr. POPPE and Carl drove up Sunday to spend the day and Mrs. POPPE returned with them.

F. M. CONNER went to Omaha and returned with his mother, who had been staying there for a few weeks.
Mrs. LYNCH and children of Trenton, Nebr., who had been in Steinauer visiting her father, who is dangerously ill, came to spend a day with her cousin, Mrs. E. KORBER.

To be continued in Vol. 34 - Issue 3



THE BUSINESS OF THE NEMAHA CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. BY SECRETARY PATTY BYERS

The N.C.H.S. met for their quarterly business meeting on May 10, 2016 at the Bancroft Depot Museum. Bryant Stallbaumer updated board members on his Eagle Scout project for the Temple of Honor. Melvin Baker was credited with organizing the most recent and successful Golf Classic, and it was noted that plans are underway for the following year's Golf Classic on April 1, 2017. The board voted to accept the audit report presented by Karen Holthaus. In recognition of her many years of volunteer service to the N.C.H.S., a framed certificate and flowers were presented to Mary Steinlage on May 17. A motion to accept a Record Retention Policy submitted by Marlene Geyser was approved. The board also approved a motion to purchase a fire-proof safe for Annex 1.

At the Called Board Meeting on May 17, DarlAnn presented for approval the roofing contracts as recommended and listed in the Roofing and Mortar Restoration Project. In addition, she reported that she had filed a grant application with the USDA, Agriculture Dept. for funds to pay for the roofing-mortar renovation project. Richard Schmitz announced that the July 30th Tractor Cruise will be dedicated in memory of Angie McGuire, who organized many tractor cruises for Sabetha's Relay for Life. Seneca High School Alumni will have their gathering June 9 - 11.

During the Special Board Meeting on June 21, DarlAnn reported that the consultant's contract which allows for the architect to begin work on the Temple of Honor had been signed. She will submit an application for tax credits on the HTF project on the Temple of Honor. In addition, she will apply for a STEP grant in an effort to cover the remaining cost of financing repairs to the roof, guttering, exterior masonry and ceiling repairs for the rehabilitation of the historic sheriff's residence and jail.

At the Executive Committee meeting called on July 5, Marcia Philbrick introduced the Genealogy website that she had established on Google for N.C.H.S. This site will provide unlimited access to some Nemaha CO. genealogy records free of charge to N.C.H.S. members. Bob Ackerman reported on the Country Store and School Room electrical project which is currently being installed by Jim Mitchell. Alma Ackerman reported on the rearrangement of the Beauty & Barber Shop display in Annex II. Raymond Thieme and Richard Schmitz will meet to finalize plans for the Tractor Cruise on July 29, which will begin at U.S.C. south of Sabetha.

ANOTHER PIONEER PRESS CHANGE

By Editor Greg Newlin

In Vol. 34 - Issue 1, I announced that a numerical change had taken place with that issue. At the board meeting held this past May 10, it was agreed that another change in the presentation of the Pioneer Press should be made so that it coincides completely with our fiscal year that begins with Jan. 1st. Vol. 34 - Issue 4 of the next Pioneer Press will cover just Nov. & Dec. 2016, so that Vol. 35 - Issue 1 will be the quarterly covering Jan., Feb. & Mar. 2017.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL TRACTOR CRUISE

Compiled in part by Richard Schmitz

In the past, most of the tractor cruise fund raisers have been held in the central and western part of the county, however this year's successful cruise was held on Sat., July 30 in the northeast central part, or in the Sabetha area. This event sponsored by the N.C.H.S. met at the U.S.C. Mfg. complex at the junction of W & 120th Roads, 4 miles south of U.S. Hwy. 36. Leaving at 11:15 a.m. for Sabetha, a noon luncheon was provided at Schenck Processing 810 S. Old Hwy. U.S. 75 followed by a tour of that facility. Then the cruise went on a tour of Sabetha before leaving that community by way of 184th Rd. to U Rd., which until it reaches 186th is the route of Old Hwy 36. Continuing on U Rd., the cruise returned to U.S.C. for a tour of that facility.

Businesses & individuals sponsoring the 50 participating tractors from Brown, Nemaha & Lyon Counties of this successful event were the following: Seneca's Medical Arts Pharmacy, Nemaha CO. COOP, Rainbow Communications, Eisenbarth Plumbing, Sutter Building Supply, Ray's Apple Market, Paul & Marilyn Boeding, Kenneth Sudbeck, Nemaha CO. Farm Bureau, Life Care Centers of America, Wal-Mart Stores & Sabetha's Sycamore Springs Resort.

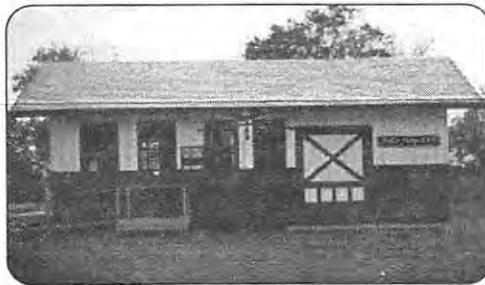
BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

By Freda Dobbins

On Memorial Day weekend, May 28 to 30, was the re-opening of the museum for the summer. Several people from the N.E. Kansas area stopped in to see the museum. On Saturday, they were treated to cookies and lemonade. The museum has been open each Sunday throughout the month of June but due to that month's extreme heat attendance was noticeably low.

Despite the warm temperatures, on the evening of Sunday, June 26, a good crowd at the annual picnic enjoyed three kinds of homemade ice cream and good music beneath the shade of the lovely trees on the museum grounds.

The normal museum hours are from 2 to 4 every Sunday afternoon from Memorial Day weekend through the end of September. Cannot come then? Special hours can be arranged by calling 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197. The museum can be reached by taking KS. Highway 9 west of Goff to KS. Highway 62. South or left on 62 for 3 miles to 24th Rd., turn left or east and continue for another 3 miles to the southeast of the intersection of 24th & S Roads.



SEPTEMBER FUND RAISER

N.C.H.S. President, Anita Heiman is organizing an additional garage sale fundraiser for June 3 - 4 at the museum's Burger One Annex in conjunction with the Seneca Chamber/SDI city wide garage sale. Items are being collected now at the museum through May can be delivered on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locally, if you need someone to pick up items, call Anita at 785-556-4094 or Greg Newlin at 785-547-6275.

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WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART XIII

It has been said that President James W. Winchell of the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention showed excellent judgement in the men whom he appointed chairmen of the committees. He chose an obscure country doctor, James Gilpatrick Blunt as chairman of the military committee, and Blunt went on to become the only major general from Kansas to serve in the Civil War. Delegate Samuel Austin Kingman of Brown CO. was appointed as chairman of the judiciary committee and delegate William Riley Griffith of Bourbon CO. was appointed to the education committee. Delegate Solon Otis Thacher of Douglas CO. was appointed to serve as chairman for the legislature committee with Benjamin Franklin Simpson of Paola serving as chairman of finance and taxation. Simpson introduced the provisions limiting the state's public debt, which proved a most wholesome provision later. Delegate John Taylor Burris of Johnson CO. was appointed to serve as chairman on scheduling with Samuel Dexter Houston of Riley CO. serving as the chairman of amendments and miscellaneous.

Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO.453

COMING SOON! GENEALOGICAL RECORDS ONLINE

By Marcia Philbrick

Our organization is working on providing members only access to some of the genealogical records in our archives. E-mail addresses of members will be used to provide access to members. The following records are scheduled to be added to the site in the near future:

- WPA index to Seneca newspapers
- Marriage Affidavits
- Obituaries A - 1904
- Obituaries B - 1905
- 1906

School District NO. 57 Scrapbook

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- Includes memories of teachers & students

More added as images become available!

Check us out at Nemaha County Genealogy

Since it is free for members, look for the 2016 form in Vol. 34 - Issue 4.

IMMIGRATION MIGRATION PATTERNS PART III

Compiled by Greg Newlin

Discontented with how things were in the British Isles, Irish Catholics began to emigrate to America in great numbers during the 19th century because of poverty, taxation, exploitation by the British, denial of political privileges to the native Irish and the burden of paying tithes for support of a state church establishment which the Irish Catholics despised. The British government favored Irish emigration as a means of getting rid of a troublesome population. They began to come to America at a time in the early 19th century when their labors were needed to build the many improvement projects begun during the years before the Civil War. Three thousand were employed on the Erie Canal alone. Many found employment in the mill towns of New England.

The Irish potato blight which began in 1845 and lasted for about five years provided an even greater impetus for Irish emigration. The census of 1860 reported over a million and a half Irish in the United States. They were to be found in greater numbers in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Ohio and New Jersey. The Irish, as a class, came to America with less means than many other immigrant groups. Having no money to proceed westward they usually crowded the cities where they landed or found employment. Those who found work on the canals settled down along the routes they had developed.

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PART II NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

This series began in the last issue with the school buildings from Oneida, Centralia and Seneca Public. These as well as the ones pictured were constructed in the 1880's, which has been identified as a time of prosperity in Kansas and a statewide building boom. The construction at this time of the public school buildings had been greatly influenced by college architecture which had a preference for neo-Medieval, castle-like structures in the style of pointed arched Gothic or round-arched Romanesque (especially Richardsonian Romanesque). College founders and Chancellors wanted to have a building that would stand out in a pretentious way, appropriately to show the importance of their school, which influenced those contractors responsible for the design and construction of public buildings in Nemaha County, as well as many other counties throughout our state. As goes the world of fashion, imitation in architecture is as common as it is complimentary.

At Sabetha, this building pictured from two sides served all grades up until the late 1920's when a new high school building was erected over on the northeastern side of the town. I attended kindergarten here as well as 2nd grade, while my older sisters and mother went as far as the 8th grade in this building.



St. Peter & Paul School
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Front View of
Sabetha High/Grade School



South side view of
Sabetha High/Grade School

IMMIGRATION MIGRATION PATTERNS PART II

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When the United States annexed the Northwest Territory and the land that came with the Louisiana Purchase, the total land mass tripled. We needed more people to go west and admitted 6,000 **French Catholic** refugees who had been banished from Nova Scotia by the British in the mid 18th century. A large number from this group made their way to New Orleans. Today their descendants are now known as Cajuns, who over the years have maintained a unique cultural identity. Adding to the ethnic pot of New Orleans was the large group of French refugees from Negro revolts in the French West Indies in the late 1700's around 1789 and 1795.

During the 17th century small groups of Scots arrived in the colonies. Several hundred settled in eastern New Jersey in the 1680's and a small group founded Stuart's Town in southern Carolina in 1684. Scots from the Lowlands began emigrating in the early 1700's after the English began to allow trade between the colonies and Scotland. They settled as merchants in the colonial seaports and as indentured servants in the tobacco colonies. Emmigration of the Scots from the Scottish Lowlands reached a peak in the 1700's.

Most of the **Scottish Highlanders** immigrated into America as groups. A number of pardoned rebels who had taken part in the ill-fated Highland

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MATHIAS SCHNEIDER FAMILY



Born in Prussia on Aug. 21, 1839, Mathias Schneider was the youngest son of Peter and Anna Maria Meier Schneider's six children. Like his father, who was born 40 years earlier, Mathias had been raised to be a farmer. In 1845, the family of Peter and Anna Maria left their native land sailing off for America and making their way first to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, buying land in Waukesha CO. where they farmed until Peter died in 1901. When Mathias became

26 years-old in 1865, he married Elizabeth Birkhauser, who had been born May 23, 1842 in Germany and had also moved to Waukesha CO. with her parents. It was not until 3 years after their marriage, that Mathias and Elizabeth left his family's farm for Salem, Nebraska where he purchased 340 acres of fine farming land. In 1880, or a year after Elizabeth died, he sold this land and moved to a new 80 acre farm he had purchased near St. Benedict in Richmond Township of Nemaha CO., KS. Twelve years later in 1892, he sold this 80 acre parcel, purchasing 640 acres east of Seneca, KS. Due to the fact that he was an excellent manager of both land and money, with a reputation for shrewd and conservative business methods is what led Mathias to be elected to the position as president of the Seneca Savings Bank when it was organized. As a shareholder in this corporation, he was a major investor.

Elizabeth had been the mother of the following children: Peter A., who settled in Mitchell Twp.; Anna A., who married Henry Stallbaumer; Jennie, wife of Henry Koelzer; Elizabeth, wife of Seneca, KS. lumberman Peter Joseph Koelzer; Gertrude, wife of Peter Smith of Seneca, KS. & Karl M., a Richmond Twp. farmer.

Taken in part from History of Nemaha CO., KS. by Ralph Tennal.

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uprising of 1715 migrated to the Carolina mountains. Other Highland communities began to appear in the colonies in the 1730's when hundreds arrived to settle near Lake George in upper New York and another group established a settlement in Georgia. Highland immigration picked up in the decade before the American Revolution with groups going to the Mohawk and Upper Hudson Valleys of New York. Inducements offered by the North Carolina legislature also persuaded many to settle in the Cape Fear region.

For the most part, it was poor economic times in Europe that triggered a migration of Scandinavians and not any other reasons. The first Swedish colony was begun in 1841 at Pine Lake, Wisconsin. This settlement also known as New Upsala, did not flourish but letters sent from it to Sweden encouraged many others to make the voyage to America. Gradually other Swedish settlements in both Iowa and Illinois took hold. Those settlements in Illinois spread from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River, with population centers at Chicago, Rockford, Rock Island, Moline, Sweden, Geneva and Galesburg. By 1858, they had entered Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

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Like the Swedes, the **Norwegians** came to America primarily for economic reasons. Initially Norwegian immigration began in 1825 when 50 Quakers from Norway arrived in New York aboard the sloop called the Restoration, with the majority of these settling northwest of Rochester, N.Y. Between 1836 and 1900, emigration from Norway to the United States had reached over a half million. By 1870, 90% of all Norwegians in the U.S. were living in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Northern Illinois. The second Norwegian settlement in America was at Fox River, Illinois in 1834, which is in the present-day Chicago metropolitan area. It was the Fox River Norwegians that spurred the movement of more Norwegians from the home land to move to America through letters they had mailed. Norwegians at that time in Norway had been plagued by low wages, poor harvests and potato rots. Within the next decade they had extended from Lake Michigan westward into the Dakotas and down the Missouri River Valley.

Danish immigration to America did not really begin until the middle of the 1800's when Danes began to learn of American economic opportunities. In reverse, Utah Mormon missionaries were sent to Denmark to not only convert Danes to the Mormon religion but to also persuade them to emigrate to America. By 1860, about 2,000 Danes had been converted and persuaded to emigrate to America and Utah. Danish migration reached its peak in 1882 when 11,000 arrived to settle here.

Small Danish communities were formed in a number of eastern cities, but most Danish immigrants, being farmers and laborers, headed to the agricultural west. first to Wisconsin, where they settled in Waukesha CO. in 1847 and then to Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Oregon.

After the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam in 1644, emigration to America from the Netherlands virtually ceased. Reinforced only by occasional small groups of settlers, such as though who settled in Pennsylvania with the English Quakers, the Dutch were soon outnumbered by their neighbors of other nationalities. It was not until the middle of the 19th century, when due to low wages, high taxes, and religious dissatisfaction, that large groups from the Netherlands arrived in America. The first to come were a group of Dutch separatists who settled on Lake Michigan's eastern shore in 1846. Because of the differences in languages, customs and religion, the Dutch immigrants of this time tended to migrate in groups and found their own communities. In 1847 a group arrived in Iowa where they laid out the town of Pella and later the town of Orange City. Other small groups settled in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin and Nebraska. Generally, as with all nationalities, many remained in the eastern cities.

Swiss were sought for their skills in the early colonies and small numbers came. Twenty Swiss families from the Canton Vaud, chosen for their skill in raising grapes and producing wine, went to South Carolina in 1633 with a group of English colonists who envisioned the establishment of great vineyards. In the early 1700's others settled in South and North Carolina. The Swiss first arrived in Pennsylvania in 1683 and by 1750 more than 12,000 German-speaking Swiss had settled around Lancaster and the Lehigh Valley. By the time of the Revolution, Swiss immigrants and their descendants numbered 25,000. In all the years since then, even after the

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years of peak immigration at the turn of the 19th century, only a small fraction of our population has come from Switzerland.

Although the earliest **Jews** arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654 from Brazil, they remained but a small percentage of the population. At the time of the Revolution, there were only about 2,500 Jewish settlers scattered through all of the Colonies and most of these were Spanish or Portuguese Jews.

Between 1840 and 1880 almost a quarter of a million Jews emigrated to America. This group settled throughout the country and within a short period of time after their arrival they were a fully integrated part of this nation. As great as the wave of German-Jewish immigration had been, the greatest of all was touched off by anti-Jewish riots and persecution in Russia. From 1881 to 1914, more than two million Jews from Russia and nearby Eastern European countries arrived in America. Many of this group settled throughout the country but the majority clustered in the large cities of the East..

The largest number of involuntary immigrants were the **Negroes**. Their importation, and not migration, as slaves has had great and lasting influence on the course of American history. The 20 Negroes brought to Jamestown by the Dutch man-of-war in 1619 were the first of many cargoes both from Africa and the West Indies. Although Negroes were to be found in all of the colonies, the vast majority were in the South. By 1775, **Negroes** formed two-fifths of Virginia's population, nearly two-thirds of the population of South Carolina and more than one-third of the population of Georgia.

As early as 1774, the Continental Congress passed a resolution to abolish the slave trade. Finally the year 1808 was set for the end of the importation of slaves and to forever prohibit slavery in the Northwest Territory. In the North, slavery gradually vanished. In the South, the invention of the cotton gin enabled the plantation owners to plant vast acres of cotton. As a result. The demand for slaves increased.

After the Civil War, few Negroes left the South and it was not until rising industrialization in the North in the late 19th century created the job opportunities that sent

their first voluntary migration north in great numbers.

There were less than a 100,000 **Mexicans** scattered from the Gulf Coast to the Pacific, in an area now known as the borderlands, when Mexico ceded the region to the United States. Their ancestors, however, had been there since the late 14th century, long before the first English settlements on the Atlantic coast. Texas became a republic in 1836 and was annexed to the United States in 1845. In this year the Spanish in America were given the choice of citizenship under the Treaty of Hildago. Mexico offered them land grants below the Rio Grande but most preferred to stay where they were and became citizens of the United States.

The Mexican War of 1846-1848 added California, Nevada, Utah, most of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming to the United States. The part of Colorado east of the Rocky Mountains was acquired in 1803 with the Louisiana Purchase. During the 19th century emigration from Mexico into the United States was very low. After the turn of the century, Mexicans began to arrive in large numbers as they were eagerly sought as migrant laborers for the produce farms along the lower Rio Grande and by the citrus growers around Los Angeles.

Italians form the last and greatest of all waves of immigration that arrived on our shores. Although Italians had been in America since Colonial times, when they were sought for their skills, few arrived before 1850. During the next three decades immigration from Italy gathered momentum. Between the years of 1881 and 1910 over three million arrived, passing through Ellis Island sometimes at a rate of 12,000 a day. Not all came to stay; about 800,000 returned to Italy by 1910. They settled in the large Northern cities and in agricultural regions across the nation, notably in the vineyards of California and the Hudson Valley and Finger Lake districts of New York. The greatest concentration was in greater New York city, the place of their arrival.

Primary sources for this came from **Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor** by James C. and Lila Lee Neagles, Published by Everton Publishers, Inc. in 1975, located at the Brown CO., KS. Genealogical Research Library in Hiawatha, KS.

The continuation of

THE BERN GAZETTE

March 31 - April 14, 1905

Editor Fred W. Lehman

Mr. L. A. BRANSON went to Seneca Monday and rented a house. He will make that his home. Mr. BRANSON and his mother will move the first of April.

Mrs. HEGENDERFER came from Leona, Kansas, to help her father, Mr. C. BLAUER, make arrangements to move to Leona, where he will make his home with her.

#Nemaha Valley Items.

Mrs. S.E. HOUSER moved to Bern.

Mrs. Gus HECHT and children spent Sunday with her parents M/M LANGE.

#Deer Creek Valley

Miss Sophia RIGHTMEIER, from Jewel CO., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Henry BLAUER.

#District NO. 84

Edd MORRIS and Arthur SPRING spent Sunday with Arthur's sister, Miss Helen SPRING.

Public Sale: Five miles southeast of Seneca on Tennessee Creek and five miles north of Kelly, Tuesday, April 4th, stock, implements, household goods. Joseph FORD.

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The preliminary trial of Wm. GEREN and wife, and Hugh

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HYDER for the murder of the infant child of Hyder and wife, was held in Seneca last Wednesday afternoon and evening before Justice MITCHELL. County Attorney HEROLD and J. E. TAYLOR conducted the prosecution and Ira WELLS was assisted by Col. RYAN of Hiawatha, in the defense. Many had driven over from the vicinity where the crime was committed to attend the trial. The testimony was not materially different from that produced at the coroner's inquest. At the conclusion of the testimony Justice MITCHELL returned a finding that the child had been murdered and all three defendants were held to the district court. Mrs. GEREN was held in the sum of \$1,500, while GEREN and HYDER were released on \$1,000 bond each. The comparatively insignificant bail is the cause of considerable unfavorable comment from those who have followed the case. - Sabetha Star

Mrs. ATWOOD and Emma left Wednesday for Garnett, to visit her daughter, Mrs. PEAK.

M/M Joel MEYER, Friday, March 31, a boy.

M/M Robt. EDIE, Monday, April 3, a boy.

The little niece of M/M Wm. ROBBING, who makes her home with them is seriously sick.

Mesdames Arthur STAGG and John GRAY and children arrived from Kirwin, Kansas, to visit at the home of W. E.

COONRAD.

W. J. GRANGER came from Effingham to visit his family. He has started a newspaper in Effingham and doing well. Mrs. GRANGER and daughter will join him in their new home as soon as school closes. - Oneida News

#Deer Creek Valley

Mr. JOHNSON of Goffs and Miss Sadie HANZ were united in marriage last week.

#Dist. NO. 84

Mary KINER is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Gilbert LEHMAN.

Anna MORRIS spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents near Salem.

#Nemaha Valley Items

Charley EATON visited with his brother, Bert.

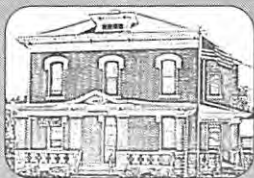
Our school closed last Friday after a successful term of seven months, taught by Mamie KEELER.

Mrs. Chas. SCHOBBER and children, of Bern, visited with her brother's Geo and Evert CORDILL and family.

April 14, 1905

Following letters uncalled for in the Bern post office for the month ending March 31. Rev. Geo M. DURHAM, Clay BRADBURY, Sam MONTGOMERY - Fred W. LEHMAN P.M.

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THE BUSINESS OF THE NEMAHA CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. BY SECRETARY PATTY BYERS

The Nemaha CO. Historical Society Board of Directors met on August 9, 2016. Richard Schmitz gave a report on the 2016 Tractor Cruise held on July 30. The Board thanked Richard for all his hard work and congratulated him on a very successful event. Dick Miller reported on the window project at the sheriff's residence and jail. He has completed restoration of the most deteriorated windows and will return to complete the remaining windows. Screens and jail bars will be restored during the winter months. Doug Berkley will install stationary rooftop vents to prevent damage to shingles. Marcia Philbrick discussed that status of the museum computers and the updates that are needed for each one. Updates to museum displays and general maintenance of buildings were discussed. Greg Newlin asked for permission to contact a Lewis & Clark reenactor who could be the feature speaker at a Fall Evening at the Museum program. All Board members present were reminded that September 16-17 are the dates for the U.S. Highway Treasure Hunt.

At the Called Board meeting on August 30, Robert Ackerman presented his proposal for a new design of the farm collection in Annex 11. Also, discussion was held on content and sequence of slides for the power point presentation of the Temple of Honor, which will be one of the featured buildings at the Kansas Preservation Alliance Conference in Abilene on September 28 - 29.

SAVING THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS

By DarlAnn S. Eial, Grant Administrator

Generous donors and awarded grants have provided enough funds this year to begin restoration of two buildings listed on the Registry of Historic Places and owned by the N.C.H.S., Inc. Installation of a new roof and guttering system were completed in late Sept. to save the historic 1879 Nemaha CO. Jail & Sheriff's Residence building that now serves as the N.C.H.S. Museum. All but 5 of the 42 wood decayed windows have been restored and 29 windows have new blinds to protect the artifacts from the sun. With the help of a pending grant, donations and an additional fundraiser, the N.C.H.S. plans to finish restoration of the remaining windows, including repair of the window screens and address the mortar and brick re-pointing in the Spring of 2017. The building is well protected for the coming winter and is being so professionally restored to meet Dept. of the Interior preservation specifications for another 100-years.

The moisture, foundation and accessibility issues at the Temple of Honor Military Museum (built in 1917) has been explored and investigated by a contracted structural engineer. His recommendations are being used by the contracted architect to finalize drawings for the restoration project which must be approved by the Kansas Historical Preservation Office. Actual dirt work is expected to begin in early Spring 2017. This project is partially supported by a Heritage Trust Fund grant from the Kansas Historical Society.

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By Marcia Philbrick

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

By Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Depot Museum has completed another summer of being open on Sunday afternoons. The museum will not have regular open hours this winter, but if you have visitors who really want to see the museum this winter, call 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197 to see if a time for a visit to the museum can be arranged.

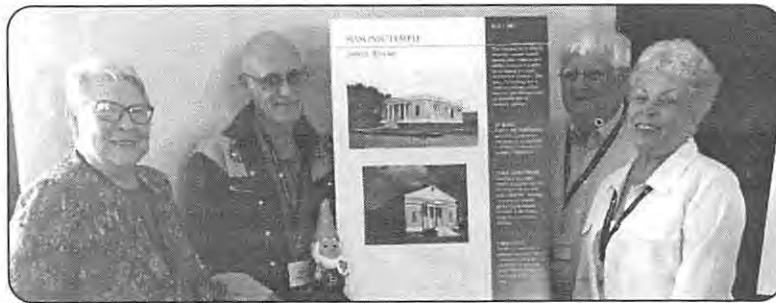


At least plan a trip this Fall to see the foliage and all the outside exhibits at the museum. To get to the museum, take KS Highway 9, or west of Goff to KS. Highway 62. Turn left, or south on 62 and proceed three miles

to 24th Road, turn left, or east and travel this way on 24th Rd. to the intersection of 24th & S Rds. Museum is just to the southeast of this corner.

THE MISSION TO SAVE THE TEMPLE

By DarlAnn Rial



These four Nemaha CO., Historical Society board members pictured left to right are DarlAnn Rial, Bob Ackerman, Ray Thieme & Anita Heiman who attended the Kansas Preservation Conference hosted by the Kansas Preservation Alliance, Inc. in Abilene, KS. on Sept. 28 & 29, 2016. The Nemaha CO. Temple of Honor building was one of five featured endangered sites that was showcased in varying degrees of preservation success.

The Peace Memorial Auditorium & Landmark Water Towers sites in Manhattan have had success while the Shulthis Stadium in Independence was lost. The Docking State Office Building in Topeka received extensive discussion with Keynote Speaker, Donovan Rypkema, a principal of Place-Economics, a Washington, D.C. based real estate and economic development consulting firm, weighing in on with re-use of the historic structure.

The Classical Revival style of the former Seneca Masonic Temple is unique to Nemaha CO. and Northeast Kansas. Built by local contractors Shaul & Assenmacher, who were responsible for the construction of the Seneca City Hall and other office buildings, was the same firm who constructed 10 public buildings in Nebraska as well as 12 federal post offices. It represents the cultural influence that Masonic Lodges wielded in Kansas and across the United States from the late 1800s to the 1950s. The lodges flourished with participating business leaders, political, social elite and founders of Seneca and surrounding towns of Nemaha CO. Originally, the Seneca Masonic Lodge members met in the Grand Army building until it was sold and then gained permission to build this building in 1917.

After the Masonic Temple was gifted in 2011 to the Nemaha CO. Historical Society, it became the home of the Nemaha County's Temple of Honor Military

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Museum. The City of Seneca and the Seneca American Legion moved a Civil War Cannon and World War II Priest (tank) as permanent displays to the grounds of the Temple. Historical artifacts donated by local families are inside the military museum and tell the story of Nemaha CO. veterans over the last 150 years. This unique military museum draws researchers, tourists, veterans and school children from across the country and contributes to the economic benefit of historic northeast Kansas.

With Masonic Donation of \$20 and Community Sponsors, the electrical grid on main floor was upgraded, overgrown trees and bushes removed, the lawn re-sloped and re-seeded, coal bin cleaned out and the basement walls stabilized. Visitors find access limited due to the crumbling stairs and pooling moisture but in 2014, the building was established on the Registry of Historical Places and established as an "Endangered Place" by the Kansas Preservation Alliance. Students from the Architectural Engineering and Construction Science Dept. of Kansas State University have helped survey and estimate the needed restoration plans. This year long project involved a site visit, individual research and classroom discussions. Their individual, final reports were collected and presented as one preservation plan which provides realistic suggestions for this project to prevent further damage and deterioration while enhancing functionality and visitor experience. Those restoration plans helped receive the 2016 Kansas Trust Fund award to provide professional direction, drawings and construction work to protect the building from further moisture damage and deterioration while addressing safety issues.



MUSEUM DONATIONS

Provided by Librarian Karen Holthaus

07/05/16.....Leather curler
 07/05/16.....Desert Storm Service Medal
 07/05/16.....World War II Pup Tent
 07/05/16.....Navy Map
 07/05/16.....letters
 07/05/16.....Historical museum tour script
 07/05/16.....1980 Goff archives
 07/07/16.....Morning Star School District NO. 57 notebook
 07/07/16.....Contract between N.C. Board of Hospital Trustees & Dale Miller
 07/07/16.....Progressive Diversified Farming in Northeast Kansas
 07/12/16.....Dr. J. Howard Gilbert, M.D. Address book favor
 07/12/16.....Comb sterilizing jar
 07/12/16.....Fitzwater house in Goff
 07/21/16.....Bennett Family Bible
 07/26/16.....Military picture
 07/26/16.....Corn cob dolls
 07/26/16.....Photo timer
 07/26/16.....Sea bags
 07/26/16.....1906 Marriage Affidavit images
 07/27/16.....1948 Baileyville town team ball
 07/27/16.....1948 Baileyville town team glove
 07/29/16.....Pony Express in Nemaha County
 07/29/16.....Funeral wreath easel
 08/02/16.....Nemaha Valley lapel pins
 08/02/16.....Marine signs
 08/02/16.....World War One print
 08/05/16.....Twp. #2 S. Range N. X11 E. of 6th Principal Meridian(KS. Terr.)
 08/06/16.....Jail exercise room table & benches
 08/09/16.....1954 Seneca Courier-Tribune Graduation Edition
 08/09/16.....Marine & Language Booklets and books
 08/09/16.....Holster, mirror, belt, MP lapels, Lanyard, whistle
 08/16/16.....Avon Dishes
 08/19/16.....1955 Trophy, Basketball B-Teams
 08/23/16.....Military Museum flag pole
 08/23/16.....Oregon Trail story & map

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PART III NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

This series thus far has covered school buildings in Oneida, Centralia, Seneca and Sabetha. These were pointed out as having been constructed in the 1880's, which has been identified as a time of prosperity in Kansas and a statewide building boom. At this time, the construction seen in public school buildings was greatly influenced by college architecture which had a preference for neo-Medieval, castle-like structures in the style of pointed arched Gothic or round arched Romanesque (especially Richardsonian Romanesque). College founders and Chancellors wanted to have a building that would stand out in a pretentious way, appropriately to show the importance of their school, which influenced those contractors responsible for the design and construction of public buildings in Nemaha County, as well as many other counties throughout the state. As goes the world of fashion, imitation in architecture is as common as it is complimentary.



Wetmore School

Although the size of the school pictured above at Wetmore is impressive, it was the hill that it sat upon that played an important role. Other structures in history that have been served well because of their hill top locations are the Parthenon and the Acropolis in Greece.

WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART IX

At the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention in July 1859, notary public Mr. William L. McMath of Wyandotte was selected to administer the oath of Ohio. The individual delegates of the convention stood up from where they sat and repeated that they would support the Constitution of the United States and faithfully discharge their duties as members of the convention. After this had been done, each of the officers did likewise repeat the oath of allegiance. This early adoption of the example set forth in the State of Ohio foreshadowed a later adoption of the convention of that state as a model by which the Constitution of Kansas should be drawn. Members organized into 15 committees in order to prepare a draft of provisions appropriate for a particular article of the constitution.

Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO. 454

MUSEUM DONATIONS

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08/23/16.....World War II Ration book
08/23/16.....Kelly High School yearbook
08/23/16.....glass lamp
08/23/16.....two display boxes
08/25/16.....Highland College yearbook
08/30/16.....Console radio
08/30/16.....Military trunk
08/30/16.....Antique telephone
08/30/16.....Victory Over Japan
08/31/16.....Military footlocker
09/06/16.....American Legion Summer Baseball.
09/08/16.....1916 Wetmore High School Diploma.
09/08/16.....Wanted criminals during Iraq War.
09/13/16.....Guide to the microfilm collection of the Kansas State Historical.
09/13/16.....The NYAL Family Almanac & Household Companion
09/17/16.....Scarlet family on home at Wetmore.

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LONG AGO AT SENECA BY WALT MASON
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I HAVE forgotten many things, and expect to forget a lot more, but every incident of my first day at Seneca is written upon my memory in letters of fire, as Laura Jean Libbey says, in one of her inimitable works.

It was long ago; so long ago that it seems wicked to give the date; it was in the fall of 1882, and I was so young then as to attract attention. I had arrived to visit a relative, and had wisely refrained from notifying him that I was coming, or he'd have prevented the visitation at all hazards. The postmaster kindly told me how to find my relative's abode, and I set forth on foot to journey six or seven miles. It was late in the evening but the postmaster....who was forgiven long ago....assured me that I had plenty of time, and I went my way caroling a joyous roundelay.

There was much raw prairie in that section of Nemaha County then; vast stretches of sod, marked by emigrant trails, and void of sign posts, policemen, or landmarks, so it was easy to get lost. I have always been specifically gifted in the manner of losing myself, and I established a precedent that evening; I strayed from the open prairie into the woods along the Nemaha River, and couldn't find the way out again. Darkness came in due season, and it was the kind of darkness that might be cut into horse blankets; and the clouds piled up overhead, and flashes of lightning sawed holes through them. For weary hours I plunged around in the deep tangled wildwood; many of the trees still bear the marks, where I hit my head against them; now and then, in order to cool my fevered brow, I fell into the river, with a sickening splash, and, as the river at that season was composed principally of a mud that resembled glue, I had a strenuous time prying myself out. On one occasion, I remember, I had to go ashore and hunt a handspike, and then return to release myself.

To make things more interesting, a brute beast was following me all the time. I would see him by the lightning flashes, and I was sure he was a wolf; whenever I sat down to rest, that disquieting animal would squat fifteen feet away, and lick his chops, after the fashion of his relative Little Red Ridinghood fame, and this caused me to view with alarm, so I resumed my journeyings. I walked all night, and never got out of the woods, or far from the river, which changed its course several times so that I couldn't avoid falling into it. I must have traveled a thousand miles that night; when morning came I saw a way out of the forest primeval, and also descried in the distance a farm house, toward which I proceeded with queenly dignity. The farmer owned most of the dogs in Kansas, and they saw me coming and hastened to meet me. They seemed incensed about something as they approached and it occurred to me that climbing trees was a healthful and invigorating exercise that had been highly recommended by leading physicians. There was but one tree anywhere near, and it was a sickly affair about three inches thick, but any kind of tree will do when you are in a hurry, so I gamboled up the trunk and got as near the top as possible, and the dogs loafed around underneath yelling vociferously, and demonstrating in a hundred ways, their conviction that they would get me sooner or later.

It seemed possible that they would get me sooner, for it was all that the tree could do to hold me up, and it sagged in one direction and then in another, and groaned like a hired man pitching hay, and I was in deadly fear that each moment would prove my next. I saw the farmer coming in the distance; he was yelling, evidently at the dogs, but they paid no attention to his remarks. Finally he arrived, and just as he reached the tree, it collapsed and dumped me in the midst of the menagerie, and, had it not been for the coating of mud, which had dried by that time, the brutes would probably have eaten me before the owner could drive them away.

"My further adventures are not worth relating, although they were numerous and trying to the spirit. After wandering another thousand miles, I finally reached

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my relative's abode, and after some of the mud had been removed with a hoe, he recognized me and swooned. I worked on a farm in that neighborhood for two summers, and came to know Seneca well; but the Seneca of those days is no more. Now the town has a waterworks and electric lights, and all of the modern improvements; and there are so many Trade Palaces that it is weary work counting them; there are Merchant Princes, who go scooting around in the evenings, in their gaudy red automobiles, caring little whether school keeps or not; and there is a Club, where young men play billiards and cultivate the blasé air, and talk about the last time they were in Lumnon.

In Seneca that is dead and gone, the merchant prince was generally found in his shirt sleeves, and the stores were little wooden affairs, with crooked awnings before them; and there were railings along the street, on either side, to which the farmers tied their horses; and of a sunny Saturday afternoon you might count hundreds of bronchoes, branded, fierce-eyed critters, for everybody traveled by horseback in those days, and bronchoes were cheap; and of those same bronchoes, which have vanished from the face of Kansas, I am going to tell a story one of these days."

Long Ago At Seneca Story to be continued in Vol. 35 - Issue 1

HISTORY FORGOT THEM

By Beth Harris

For many Americans, the image of the cowboy evokes pleasant nostalgia of a time gone by, when cowboys roamed free. The Cowboy is, to many Americans, the ideal American, who was quick to the draw, well skilled in his profession, and yet minded his own business. Regardless of whether the mental picture that the word cowboy evokes is a correct or incorrect view of the vocation, one seldom views cowboys as being Black. The first cowboy I met was from Texas and he was Black. After he told me that he was a cowboy, I told him that he had to be kidding. Unfortunately, I was not totally to blame for my inability to recognize that color has nothing to do with the cowboy profession; most if not all popular famous images of cowboys are White. In general, even today, Blacks are excluded from the popular depiction of famous Westerners. Black cowboys were unheard of for almost a century after they made their mark on the cattle herding trade, not because they were insignificant, but because history fell victim to prejudice, and forgot peoples of color in popular depictions of the West and Western history.

Black Americans were in the West with Lewis & Clark, but this was never seen or published until the 19th century (Ravage 26). California was the section of the West that most Blacks settled in before the start of the Civil War. The largest concentration of Blacks in that state was in Sacramento CO., mainly because of the gold rush. Blacks would ride trade ships to the west coast and then desert, if they were slaves, or leave the ship, if they were free men, to settle there (Savage 12). Examples of early Black settlers were two ex-slaves named Bob and Kanaska who came to San Diego in 1816 on the schooner Albatross. Thomas Fisher came to California around 1818 but was captured by pirates in Monterey that year. Another Fisher came to California in 1846 while serving on a whaling ship (Savage 13).

Though present from the initial discovery of the West, Blacks entered the West in earnest after 1850. Between 1850 and 1910, thousands of African Americans, lured by the promise of land, opportunity, and most importantly, racial justice migrated to the trans-Mississippi West (African Americans). This great migration occurred shortly after the civil war, as thousands of Blacks moved West because they were unwanted in the North or South (Dick 30). Freed blacks were challenges

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SABETHA SEED COMPANY By Greg Newlin

It was among the oldest business enterprises in Sabetha established more than 120 years ago. Originally known as the Sabetha Seed House, this business provided packets of seeds to the local community and in a large area in several surrounding states as its main service. Back then, two packets of seed could be purchased for five cents. As recently as the mid Twentieth Century, there were citizens in Sabetha that were still living there who were at one time employed to fill the packets with seed by hand. The company located for many years at 120 South Washington Avenue purchased bulk seeds in large quantities and put them into individual packets which were placed into the seed display box as shown in this photo that were then shipped to retail stores where the seeds were purchased by local gardeners. The seed box pictured is made from pine wood and has been in the Newlin family for fifty plus years and was recently donated to the Nemaha County Historical Museum by my sister Jeanine Newlin Hannah and myself.

Later toward the 1960's, the Sabetha Seed House occupied a 13,000 square foot metal building on Oregon Street facing the south side of the Sabetha Cemetery. By this time, machines did the work of filling the seed packets with the more than 150 varieties of seeds replacing many of the employees originally required for this part of the operation. Before this company ceased production, distribution of this product had grown covering not only most of North and South America but the world as well. My sister Jeanine who along with her U.S. Air Force husband Robert were stationed in Japan reported having seen these seeds from the Sabetha Seed House sold there in the late 1950's.



The continuation of

HISTORY FORGOT THEM

By Beth Harris

to the White workers in the North and South that had not existed before. In the South Blacks faced the extreme prejudice from previous slave owners and competition from Whites who were not land owners. In the North, Blacks competed with immigrant labor and were forced to do the most menial tasks, all the while facing extreme prejudice from the immigrants and Whites in the North. In this situation, it is no wonder why Blacks went West. "I started it all," Benjamin "Pap" Singleton told a congressional committee in 1879. The congressional committee was investigating the Black exodus Singleton claimed to have begun six years before. Singleton, who was a runaway slave from Tennessee, encouraged thousands of Blacks to come to the West via his tall tales depicting the West as a land of milk and honey. In Kansas alone, the place where Singleton encouraged most Blacks to go, the Black population increased from 627 in 1850 to 17,108 in 1870 (Savage 17). Though Kansas was not a land of milk and honey for the average Black settler who moved there under the Homestead Act, these settlers found the West an easier place to live than the North or South, and encouraged other Blacks to join them.

When the Blacks reached the West, life was not easy. Blacks in the West faced hardships from Whites and Indians. The Indians viewed Black settlers as they did White settlers, as a threat to the Indian way of life. Indians also saw the value of Blacks as slaves, especially in Texas. Indians would capture free Blacks and sell them to slave traders for high prices. Indians would also capture run away slaves and hold them for ransom (Porter 286). Blacks were also excluded by law from many homesteading sites of the Oregon Trail, forcing them to choose the sparsely settled and least desirable land for their homes. However, all this did not deter the Black exodus to the West.

Blacks went West initially and primarily for farms. In some places they were quite successful, having entire towns comprised by Black residents fulfilling every necessary occupation to city life (Taylor 148). Not least of these occupations that Blacks came West to do was to be part of the cattle drive.

Thousands of Black men rode the trails of the American West from the mid-1800's through the early part of the twentieth century. If thousands of military men, "exoduster" farmers, and other immigrants from the historic South are included in the count, there were, clearly, tens of thousands of [Black] men, women, and children in the West during the 'cattle kingdom' years from 1860 to 1910. (Ravage 51-53)

That Black cowboy existed was certain. That he lived the glamorous life that has come to personify the cowboy is doubtful. However, no cowboy really had life the way that it is described in the classic westerns. A cowboy by definition is "one who tends cattle and horses, a mounted cattle-ranch hand, a rodeo performer" (Merriam-Webster 268). Cowboys even today, are merely wage earners who performed menial tasks. "Most [cowboys], of course, Black or White, were ordinary men using ordinary skills to earn a living. They tried to avoid breaking the law and found their life hard, tedious and lonely rather than one of high adventure. They had to tend the huge cattle herds and lead them to market only infrequently did they find time to come to town and spend money (Katz 147).

The cowboy lifestyle, too, is depicted in a glamorous and unrealistic way. In reality, the cowboy's lifestyle was geared to be practical. Cowboys did not wear their ten gallon hats for sex appeal but for the sun. All cowboys, not just the bad ones, wore kerchiefs for the lower part of their faces to protect them from dust. The desire to remain anonymous did not begin the handkerchief trend, the wind and dust did. Cowboys did, in fact, wear tight pants with leather chaps, but not to show off their bodies. These tight durable pants were to protect them from brush. Cowboys also wore boots with high heels. But these too were for a practical purpose: to prevent the cowboys feet from slipping out of the stir-ups (Cowboys).

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THE BERN GAZETTE

April 14, 1905

Editor Fred W. Lehman

M/M Wm. SCHAAF a boy last Sunday.

Mrs. HANSON of Sabetha was here last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. POLAND.

Mrs. Jake FISHER and Mrs. HERVEY were in Goffs visiting their parents.

Mrs. J.C. BROWN was called to her home in St. Joe on account of the serious illness of her mother.

W.O. NEIBARGER, wife and baby were up from Kelly, visiting his parents.

M/M Christ HEINIGER left today for Morton, Ill.. They will visit their son, Ben and other relatives.

M/M Henry BUTTNER from Lanham, Nebr., to spend a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Anna PETERS.

Fred BEGERT and Perry NEWTON went to Blue Rapids to attend to matters, relating to Mrs. BEGERT'S farm there.

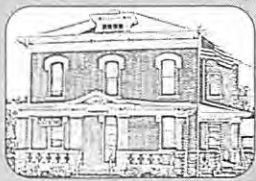
We received a card from Rev. PHELPS to send the Gazette to Stanley, N. Dakota. The doctors advised him to quit preaching for a while for health reasons. He is now living on a farm.

Mrs. William LUGENBILL died last Monday. Funeral services were held in the Reform Church, conducted by Rev. LENHERR, and interment made in the cemetery by the church. One of the

sad things connected with her death is the fact that her aged mother, Mrs. GROSSENBACHER, has been called upon to give up the last one of her children.

Obituary: Mrs. Jane Anne CONNER was born in Montgomery CO., Indiana, July 27, 1837 and died on Thursday, April 6, 1905, at the home of her son, Mr. J.W. CONNER, near this place. The departed at the time of her death was 67 years 8 months and 9 days old. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, during the past few years she was a member of the M.E. Church, her church not being represented where she resided of late. She leaves to mourn her departure an aged companion, three sons and four daughters. The funeral was conducted last Saturday at 10 a.m. from Evangelical Church by Rev. H.E. BOWER, and the body laid to rest in the Bern Cemetery.

This series has been reprinted from The Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 40, NO. 1. If I can find more of it, I will continue it in a future Pioneer Press.



A SYNOPSIS OF 2016 & THE BUSINESS OF THE N.C.H.S., INC.

The Nemaha CO. Historical Society has received two large grants that will be used in the preservation of historic county buildings. The first grant from the Heritage Trust Fund is being used to restore the Military Museum, while the second grant from the STEP Foundation combined with funds from the county commissioners was used to repair and shingle the flat roof of the historic Sheriff's Residence & Jail, as well as to install new guttering & window blinds. The project to replace windows also in the residence & jail was begun & we shall see that completed in 2017.

The annual N.C.H.S. Golf Classic, held on April 2nd, with 18 teams participating was a success as were the garage sales we had in June and Sept. along with the Tractor Cruise on July 30. Funds from these are used to assist in covering operating costs of the museums. On Nov. 11, over 30 guests were in attendance for the Veteran's Day Open House held at the Military Museum, historic Sheriff's Residence and Jail much to the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

N.C.H.S. has received two computers from U.S.D. 115, and all museum computers are now networked with new Windows 10 operating systems. The Military Museum and historic Sheriff's Residence & Jail are averaging at least one tour per week. A very rewarding Evening at the Museum program was held in Oct. with a record breaking crowd to listen to speaker Mike Calwell, a member of the Lewis & Clark Reinactment held in 2004.

The N.C.H.S. met for their quarterly meeting on Oct. 11, 2016. Doug Ackerman donated a draft lottery tumbler which he purchased at a Nemaha CO. surplus auction. Anita Heiman reported that the Sept. garage sale was very successful. Alma Ackerman reported that the Ebay sales of duplicate museum items have been brisk. Melvin Baker updated the board on plans for the April 1, 2017 Golf Classic. Marcia Philbrick reported that Microsoft Office 365 has now been installed on four museum computers. Karen Holthaus discussed Past Perfect fees, and reported that she had accessed 80 plus items this quarter. Robert Ackerman gave his recommendations for building maintenance during the winter months. DarlAnn Rial gave updates on current grant applications. Discussion was held on developing another fundraiser for 2017 to celebrate the restoration of our museum buildings.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANITA HEIMAN

Dear Friends, We have seen some exciting changes at the Nemaha CO. Historical & Temple of Honor Museums in 2016. The preservation of our Nemaha County story saw new and creative displays meeting the trends set by the present generation. This combined with each of the new windows that were restored in the Jail & Sheriff's Residence has created a professional approach in educating the touring public, while from a public relations standpoint it makes us the real winners in our efforts to preserve the past for the future generations.

However, the real beauty of our efforts is that our volunteers did this. They did what they could with the time they had and have made things happen. No matter what's happening in the world around us, it is great to be able to celebrate what we have in Nemaha County, recognizing what makes us unique.

I am incredibly thankful for our amazing sponsors, supporters, researchers, historians, genealogists, visitors and members. *Thanks for all that you do!*

Anita Heiman, President Nemaha CO. Historical Society

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

by Freda Dobbins

The museum experienced another great season and the volunteers that are a part of the Bancroft Preservation Association would like to see all of this to continue. Since 1995 this group of dedicated individuals began by first moving the depot back into Bancroft with physical and monetary help to make it look like it once did. The depot has housed not only railroad historical items but also things from the local area. The group has cared for the school and the over 100 year-old



church across the road to be representative of life here at the time that the Kansas City-Wyandotte-Northwestern Railroad was a part of the commerce of Wetmore and Reilly Townships.

For sometime leading up to the May 2016 meeting of the B.P.A., the members have witnessed that despite all of their exemplary efforts to provide a place where

visitors not only felt welcomed but could regale from the memories of yesteryear, that it is going to get harder to keep this place running. This is not unusual and seemingly the destiny of what every historical and genealogical society encounter. The volunteer base gets older and becomes not quite as able as it was once. They see a need for decisions to be made regarding the properties acquired by this organization, and welcome all input into the matter. Please direct any correspondence with the B.P.A. Committee expressing any options you may see of the future of the museum to B.P.A. c/o Mary Leighty, 11006 W. 163rd Terrace, Overland Park, KS. 66062. or contact Edgar & Jeanne Claycamp of Wetmore, Francis Davis of Netawaka, Jim Dobbins of Goff or Dale & Ilah Rose Askren of Holton.

Considering that the last day of service to Bancroft by the K.C.W.N.W. Railroad was Oct. 31, 1919, and that the Bancroft High School closed in 1951 with the closure of the grade school in 1962, it is quite a feat for the museum to still be a viable entity in 2016. Even with an unknown future, down in the Southeast corner of Nemaha County the B.P.A. and it's museum continues to preserve the history of the Bancroft Community.

Edited by Greg Newlin

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc.

February 14, 2017

Burger Annex One - 113 North 6th Street

5:00 p.m. Covered Dish Meal

6:00 p.m. Special Speaker - Richard Miller
"Saving the Historical Jail"

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting - Election of four directors

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10/03/16

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- Brochure for the President Dwight D. Eisenhower Library
- Booklet: The Governor's Residence - 1971 lists the names of governors on back cover from 1849 to 1971.
- Booklet: Eisenhower-Kansas Day Edition Jan. 1953; 24 pages.
- Framed Marriage Certificate of Frank H. Niehaus & Mary E. Meyer on Apr. 17, 1928 at St. Benedict, KS. 12 inches by 16 inches, brown wood framed & matted.
- Framed First Communion of Frances Joseph Niehaus, June 1865 19 inches by 15 inches in silver frame.
- Framed First Communion of Mary Meyer, 1911, 20 inches by 16 inches in a gold frame.
- Public school diploma for Maurice Niehaus, May 20, 1942 from Sts. Peter & Paul.
- Envelope from the Office of the Governor of KS. to Mrs. Mary E. Niehaus.
- 1971 Kansas inaugural state dinner program honoring Gov. Robt. Docking & all elected state officials. Menu for this state dinner. Copy of Robt. Docking's inaugural address given on Mon., Jan. 11, 1971. A thank you letter & envelope to Mrs. Mary E. Niehaus from Robt. Docking acknowledging her request for him to autograph her invitation.
- Letter from Gov. Robt. Docking thanking Mrs. Niehaus for the get well card she sent to him while during his hospitalization.

10/04/16

- The yearbooks for Sts. Peter & Paul 1944, 1945 & 2 books of 1946.
- One pump jack engine plus all of the following motors were donated from the Regis Becker farm: one 6 HP Fairbanks-Morse, a 400 RPM, a Briggs 500 Reg and a 300.
- Copy of the marriage certificate of Greg Newlin's parents Lila M. Brougher & James C. Newlin.
- Coop of Clason's Kansas Green Guide with road & railway maps. Commercial index giving towns & counties, with populations, state institutions, colleges & general information. The Clason Map Co., Chicago, Denver. Paved roads. Distances between towns, and hotels.
- Two farmers' Pocket Ledgers, 83 & 86 Annual Edition. Compliments of Nemaha Farm Equipment Co., Inc. Seneca, KS. 72 pages including pictures of equipment with descriptions & explanations.
- Kelly H.S. Graduation picture from 1951.
- 3 photos of Maurice Niehaus.
- Graduation photo of Seneca's Sts. Peter & Paul.
- Kelly Yearbooks for years 1948 through 1952.
- Seneca Lumber Co. 8 1/2 by 5 1/2 inch plastic calendar & miniature thermometer & picture of mountain landscape framed, with paper calendar on the back. Part of token materials.

10/11/16

- Three color pictures from Nemaha Valley High School Proms. Years 1999, 2002 & 2015. The 1999 photo covers the school trip to Lake of the Ozarks & other two are of the proms.
- CD disk with 62 picture scans of Conrad Barnes Baby Book. Sabetha Seed House wooden display box sent out to stores around the nation and the world from 1890 to 1962 with a multi-colored poster on underside of lid.
- Ralston's Service bottle openers. Photo of 27 charter Masons standing beneath flags in front of Seneca's Masonic Temple.

10/11/16..... -Brown half pint jar of wheat preserved with tobacco from Nemaha CO. Turkey Red wheat sold for \$3.00 a bushel & was grown during W.W. I, or Nov. 11, 1919 on the H.H. Meyer farm 4 miles north, 1 mile east of Baileyville, KS.

10/18/16..... -Obits of Norbert Gress & Nancy Broxterman.

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NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

By Editor Greg Newlin

This unique photo came to me from the Tennal family of Sabetha and was taken by Ralph Tennal, editor and publisher of the Sabetha Herald at that time in 1921 that the construction of Sabetha's new Memorial Hall had been completed. Also unique about this is that up until this time, any published information on it did not exist until I asked the present city clerk Steve Compo who did some record research for me.

On Jan. 28, 1919, the city of Sabetha hired S.D. Williamson & Co. to create a preliminary plan for this building at this site of the southwest corner of Main & Eighth Streets where the G.A.R. Hall once stood. The front as well as the west and east entrance steps led up to the raised first floor where an auditorium theatre encompassed as much as 80% of the hall's interior with 500 seats on the main floor, 250 seats in the balcony with a complete orchestra pit extending along or just below that stage for 60 plus feet and extending as far into the house as the first row of seats. The raised first floor allowed for there to be a full basketball court in the basement. A



double bay for fire trucks in back for entrance from the Eighth St., or east side of the building, city offices were on the front two floors, or the north side of the building facing Main Street.

On Feb. 18, 1919, the city council passed a resolution to vote on a \$44,500.00 bond to build this city hall. The results from the vote that took place on April 4th was 463 for to 138 against. On April 15th an ordinance was passed for issuing bonds in the above amount, in addition a motion was made authorizing the city clerk to advertise for the construction bids. By June 17th the council agreed to accept the low bid of \$55,500.00 submitted by Peterson Constr. Co. with conditions to be agreed upon. However, at a meeting June 24th the council unanimously voted on a motion to accept the bid made by Sanneman Bros. Constr. Co. for \$58,000.00, but the actual cost came to \$56,000.00. With a grand opening date of Sept. 3, 1921, this brick structure in the classical style was quite a show piece for a



town with a population of 2,000 inhabitants serving this community for a variety of concerts, theatrical performances, speakers and graduation ceremonies up until June 1998 when it was destroyed by a F-2 tornado.

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WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART IX

At the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention of July 1859, following the oath taken by all of the delegates pledging their allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, members were organized into fifteen committees responsible for preparing a draft of provisions appropriate for a particular article of the constitution. In order that the drafts prepared by the committees might be harmonious, it was necessary to decide upon a common basis of action. This was considered to be a difficult thing to do because of the different areas that these men came from and the equally adverse experiences that they brought with them to this convention floor. The largest representation from any one state was the thirteen from Ohio followed by seven from Indiana, five each from Kentucky and Pennsylvania, four from New York, three each from New Jersey and Vermont and two each from Massachusetts and Maine. Four members were foreigners, representing England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany. Five delegates had already been present in forming the constitution at Leavenworth and three were at the Topeka convention.
Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO. 455

MUSEUM DONATIONS

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10/19/16..... -July 2, 1976 charter member document certifies that Gladys Eaton was a charter member of the Nemaha CO. Historical Society, Inc. signed by Amelia Sudbeck & Larry Brock.

-22 photos of homes, churches & sites in Seneca, Corning, Baileyville & St. Benedict portraying Grandma Ronnebaum's old house, Mission Room in St. Mary's Church at St. Benedict, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Seneca Library, flooded KS. by air, St. Benedict Post Office at museum, barns near Corning, NO. 63 schoolhouse between Corning & Seneca, Victorian houses & grain elevator in Seneca.

-50 page loose leaf notebook of genealogy of Ronnebaum family.-Blue loose leaf scrapbook of alumni gatherings & photos in Seneca & other surrounding towns from 1989 to 1999.

10/23/16..... -2 booklets: Original Bylaws & Committee appointments of the Nemaha CO. Historical Society, Inc. from 1976. -Obits. For Evelyn Feldkamp Henry, Leland V. Broxterman, Helen Broxterman & Tammy L. Claeys.

10/25/16..... -A W.W. I puttee, or legging used to be wrapped around the legs of soldiers to protect them from the terrain & weather.

-1940 Goff Boys Basketball team photo & one photo of the Girls team.

-15 insignia buttons having belonged to Anna Vondenkemp from her duties as a nurse in W.W. II.

-Two wool W.W. II uniforms

-48 page 1955 Sts. Peter & Paul H.S. Yearbook. Published by the Senior Class. Vol. XII, Seneca, KS.

-Book commemorating 100 years of the Grand Chapter of KS. Order of Eastern Star 1876 to 1976.

10/25/16..... -Pamphlet of the Goff Rural H.S. 2009 alumni assn. Showing those who attended as well as those who are now deceased.

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Where The Pioneers Came In Their Wagon Trains,
To Build A Home With Their Brawn And Brains.
Where The Dust May Come And The Winds May Blow,
With The Driving Rain Or The Blinding Snow.
Where The Sunflowers Flaunt Their Golden Smiles,
By The Side Of The Road For Miles And Miles.
Where The Men Will Work And The Women Toil
To Reap The Fruits Of The Fertile Soil.
Here's To Old Kansas That I Love The Best,
The Toast Of The Nation,___The Heart Of The West.

Edward Schmitz was born in the St. Benedict community on Aug. 11, 1893 to parents Joseph Mathias and Ellen Novak Schmitz. After attending elementary school locally, he went to Atchison to attend St. Benedict's High School graduating in 1911. He completed college studies at St. Benedict College in 1916 and theological studies at the abbey in 1920. In 1928, he earned a masters of arts degree in Latin at the University of Iowa. Schmitz died Dec. 22, 1978.

He respectfully dedicated the above poem to President Dwight D. Eisenhower on the occasion of his inauguration on Jan. 20, 1953. Silk screened and framed, I have been in possession of this poem since 1970 when it was presented to me by the artist and my teacher Walter Yost, which I have now donated to the Nemaha CO. Historical Museum. Walter Yost, a native of the Atchison community was my art teacher at Highland Community College from 1969 to 1971. Born Feb. 26, 1911, Walter was famous for his water color landscapes of rural settings but was an expert silk screen printer and illustrator. Mr Yost died May 26, 1995.

Editor Greg Newlin

The Continuation from Vol. 34 - Issue 4

By Walt Mason

LONG AGO AT SENECA

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When I first started to write this able and exhaustive treatise it was my intention to point out the difference between Seneca of 1882 and the Seneca of the present, as illustrative of the wonderful growth of Kansas, but I got lost in the woods. In those old days the dugout and the sod house were not uncommon in that part of the country; and the man who owned a real frame house, with more than one room in it, and a chimney for the smoke to crawl through, was something of a plutocrat.

Among the young farmers was a German named Hans, and he looked it. He had arrived from the old country a few years earlier, wearing wooden shoes and carrying his wardrobe in a handkerchief. He hired out as a farm hand, and saved every mark and pfennig, and the first thing people knew, he had a team of horses, and a safety plow, and was ready to go farming on his own hook. So he selected a Gretchen, who was eighteen hands high, and sound in wind and limb, and married her, and embarked in agriculture, having bought an Alpine farm on easy payments.

During his career as a hired man there had been a cloudburst somewhere up the river, and Hans found himself one evening up a tree, with a raging torrent all

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around him. He had to stay there without refreshments for two nights and a day before he could be rescued; and the mosquitoes and big fat blue flies had bitten him up so that his sufferings were indescribable; and always after that he had a prejudice against water in wholesale quantities. So when he bought a farm he bought a high one, and he built his house on the tallest hill in Nemaha County, and he was wont to stand before his door in the golden summer evenings and shake his fist at the river, and make faces at it, and call it names.

He was secure from the water but the wind wouldn't let him alone. Any old timer will tell you that the Kansas wind of a quarter century ago was twice as strenuous as the gales that blow now; and the hill on which Hans lived was the main highway of the wind, and there was usually a hurricane in progress there when the people in the valley were panting for a breath of fresh air. Consequently Hans had to spend most of his spare time cutting poles to prop up his house, which was always sliding around the yard. When he went home after dark he had to take a lantern so that he could find the house, which was apt to be out in the cow lot or junketing around in the pasture. After every high wind the neighbors had to turn out and help Hans to get his house back, and it grew somewhat monotonous after a while. It wasn't much of a house; it had but one room, and the walls were not plastered; tar paper had been tacked over the weather boarding, and so the walls were flimsy, though stormproof. The chief article of furniture was the bed; and there never was another bed like it, in the earth or the waters under the earth. Hans made it himself, during his idle hours before he was married, and there was much more timber in it than there was in the house, and it weighed about five tons; the castors he had contrived himself, having taken the wheels from old farm implements, and they were a foot high. The bed was at the north side of the room and the cook-stove at the south side.

One winter night there came a worse windstorm than usual. Hans and his frau were in their downy couch, listening to the voice of the tempest, and wondering how far their house would travel before morning; it had never abandoned the top of the hill in its wonderings, so they had no fear of what might

happen; but the wind grew stronger and stronger as the night wore on, and presently Hans realized, by the slope of the floor, and the motion, that his residence had reached the hillside, and was callyhooting down toward the river. Before he had time to do anything more than yell, a new catastrophe was in progress; the bed was taking a little journey on its own account, in the same direction as the house; the bed had the best roadway, and made the best time and presently it crashed through the south end of the house as though shot from a gun, and thundered down the hillside with the faithful old house in pursuit, and Hans and Gretchen sitting up in their white graveclothes, too scared to get on either the house or the bed.

Bitterly did Hans regret that he hadn't equipped the bed with brakes and a steering wheel, but remorse was unavailing. The bed was getting warmed up to its work, and was making a record that makes subsequent automobile performances look insignificant, when one of the castors broke, and its career was stopped. Before Hans and Gretchen could get away, the house had caught up and had made some sort of a grand stand play that brought down on top of the bed, but the hole in its side, where the bed had gone through, came down over Hans and Gretchen, so they were not crushed. But the stove fell on Hans and bruised him up some, and Gretchen got her head jammed into an iron kettle so tight that the doctor had to borrow a set of burglar's tools to release her.

When I was in Seneca two or three years ago I saw Hans. He still lives on the same old hilltop, where the river can't reach him. But you ought to see his house! It is a mansion, so vast and substantial that the strongest wind that blows couldn't do more than rattle the windows. He has great barns and stables, and the land is his where ever he looks. His wife now rides in a real automobile, and finds it far more fashionable and comfortable than a home made bed. And Hans is an officer of a bank, and wears store clothes for week days, and his check is good for large amounts.

After such evidence as this, can anybody doubt that farming in Kansas brings wealth and Happiness?

The time frame for the cowboys is also not a long and exciting period in history. In reality it is rather short. Cowboys were most busy during the active days of the cattle drive, between 1865 and 1890, a period of merely 25 years (COWBOYS). During this time, the cattle drive moved thousands of cattle to the North and East of the United States. Thousands of hands were needed in the blossoming industry. "Of the 35,000 or so cowboys employed in the western cattle industry of the late 19th century, about 25%, or eight to nine thousand....were Blacks" (Billington, 111). Black cowboys were not only present but respected in the West. "One Black cowboy, Britton Johnson, became a local legend in his own time. Johnson was considered the best shot on the Texas frontier during and immediately after the Civil War" (Katz 144-145).



Britton Johnson

Black cowboys were most numerous in the South West and Texas as a result of slavery. The cattle drive began in Texas, and in Texas one finds the largest number of Black cowboys existed during that time. However, cowboys came to the

Northwest with the Black migrants, known as the exodusters due to the words of other Blacks. Men like Frederick Douglas and Benjamin "Pap" Singleton led Blacks to the West Coast and Kansas (Kansas 90). "Hundreds of Black cowboys were among the very first hands who drove huge herds along trails to Abilene, KS., the cattle selling center of the Old West" (Kansas 90).

The appeal of the cow herding profession for Blacks was multi-faceted. Black cowboys were treated better on the trail than in the towns (Katz 127). Being a cowboy was a respectful, though menial, employment for a Black man. The work paid a "White man's pay" which was more than most Blacks could hope to receive working in the North or South.

When herding cattle, cowboys traveled in groups called herd outfits. Records were kept of the ethnicity of members of outfits. A typical trail-herd outfit consisting of about a dozen men would on the average consist of seven or eight Whites,

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Frederick Douglas

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HISTORY FORGOT THEM

By Beth Harris

including a trail boss, three Negroes, and one or two Mexicans (Billington 112). Black cowboys were typically also cooks of such outfits. "Negroes were seldom ranch or trail bosses. Their normal lofty aspirations were as top hand or cook" (Billington 113).

Since the Black cowboys presence has surfaced in history, there are many myths about the Black cowboy. One was that he was merely a cook. Though cooks were respectable (Ravage 54), this is still a limited view of the Black cowboy. Black cowboys did definitely fill the position of cook for an outfit, but they were cowboys and very skilled with both horses and cattle. They were especially skilled in vetting horses. When herding cattle, many Black riders rode "on point", or ahead of the dust (Ravage 55).

There is some discrepancy about the positions that cowboys could achieve. It is true that "Negroes were seldom ranch or trail bosses" (Billington 113). It is debatable due to the many existing examples, that while their lofty aspirations may have been being a top hand or cook, there is some that indicates otherwise. Bose Ikard was a Black trail boss and he helped to create a major cattle-route known as the Goodnight Loving Trail (African Americans). Clearly, being a cook of a herd outfit was not the only position that a Black cowboy could aspire

to. "Black cowboys also found work as marshals and deputy sheriffs" (Deadwood Dick 30). Dick Shafer was a Black Marshal in Boley, Oklahoma (Katz 144).

Being a cowboy allowed a Black man to show off his talents in an arena where he was viewed as a man, opening up other positions to him as well. Black cowboys were subject to some discrimination in the West, but far less than almost any other occupation (Katz 147). There was also no discrimination in their wages. Sleeping arrangements often found the ranch owner, trail boss, Black and White cowboys in the same shack or under the same blankets (Katz 148). Black cowboys could use their skills to obtain other jobs in the Black towns that developed in the West. Blacks also served in more permanent positions as cowhands on farms and remuda men (Savage 87).

(Editor's note)

A remuda is a herd of horses from which ranch hands select their mounts. The word is of Spanish derivation for "change of horses" and is most commonly used in the American West. The person known as a remuda man can also be referred to as a wrangler, who would be responsible for selecting a horse for someone to use from the herd.

To be continued in Vol. 35 - Issue 2 April-May-June 2017



Bose Ikard



ANNUAL MEETING

The N.C.H.S. held their 2017 annual meeting on Tues., Feb. 14th at the Harry Burger Annex I. After a covered dish dinner, carpenter Richard Miller informed the gathering step by step how he & his partner are restoring & preserving the windows in the historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence. Dick delighted his audience with a presentation that included mockup windows & historic jail stories. Then President Anita Heiman called the business meeting to order, followed by annual reports by the secretary, treasurer, audit committee, genealogist, membership chair & grant administrator. The board & guests reviewed 2016 projects & discussed various ideas for fundraising & museum display projects for 2017.

Bryant Stallbaumer reviewed his Eagle Scout project budget for 3 flags & 5 service medallions display in front of the Temple of Honor Military Museum, expected to be completed by Memorial Day. The board agreed to promote the project to help get these flags flying.

Freda Dobbins, nominating committee chair, submitted candidates for Board Directors, 3-year terms: DarlAnn Rial, Position #10; Greg Newlin, Position #6; Joyce Olberding, Position #8; Robert Ackerman, Position #10. The membership unanimously approved the slate of candidates. The reorganization of board was set for Mar. 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The N.C.H.S. board of directors met on Thursday, Mar. 14th to reorganize for the year by electing officers & setting goals for 2017. President Anita Heiman called the business meeting to order, followed by reports by the secretary, treasurer & researcher. Grant Administrator DarlAnn Rial reported that the Nemaha CO. Commission agreed to pay the remaining \$9,000.00 to complete the exterior mortar & brick restoration work on the Jail & Sheriff's Residence. The Bryant Stallbaumer Eagle Scout Project progress was reviewed noting that the 5 embossed medallions had been ordered and 1 of the 3 flag poles has been financed.

Bancroft representative Freda Dobbins reported that the Bancroft Preservation Assoc. is recruiting a new board of directors to preserve the Bancroft Depot & artifacts with their election scheduled in June. Melvin Baker gave a progress report for the 2017 Heritage Days Golf Classic fundraiser scheduled for April 1st. Assignments for working the event & plans for the meal arrangements were finalized. Joyce Olberding reported two \$50 Memorials has been received in memory of Ann Haverkamp & Sue Dick. Carpenter Dick Miller reviewed his efforts to restore the jail windows & frame a new barn for farm exhibit. He requested the area be cleared for installation on Mar. 20th. The board agreed to prepare the area on the afternoon of Mar. 17th. Marlene Geyser reported on her investigation of fundraising possibilities for 2017. The board agreed to pursue a Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast on Sept. 27 or Oct. 1st at the St. Peter & Paul cafeteria. A free-will offering will be entry fee.

Patty Byers reported that the City of Seneca Travel & Tourism Commission has approved her application for publicity funding for the Golf Classic & Tractor Cruise fundraisers. The board discussed & agreed upon a marketing plan to seek & save by digitation historical Nemaha CO. unpublished photographs & documents. DalAnn will file a Kansas Humanities Council grant application to finance the project.

Nominating Chairwoman Freda Dobbins submitted a slate of officers for the board of directors, followed by the election of the following: Anita Heiman, President; Melvin Baker, Vice-President; Ray Thieme, Treasurer; Patty Byers, Secretary. President Anita Heiman appointed volunteers to staff 20 positions to coordinate the museum. All the 2017 board members signed the updated Code of Ethics.

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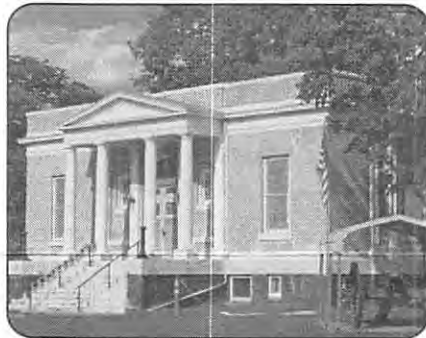
2017 RESTORATION UPDATE

by DarlAnn Rial

The Nemaha CO. Historical Society is completing a five-year \$70,000.00 restoration and preservation project of the Jail & Sheriff's Residence presently this Spring, just as we gear up for a five year \$500,000.00 preservation project of the Temple of Honor. The Jail & Sheriff's Residence serves as the Nemaha CO. Historical Museum and the Temple of Honor houses the Nemaha CO. Military Museum.

The Preservation of the Jail & Sheriff's Residence included the installation of hail resistive shingles, flat roof replacement and new guttering at a cost of \$20,000.00. These costs were paid with donated funds, a Ronnebaum STEP Grant and the Nemaha CO. Commission. The window restoration project cost \$30,000.00 and was paid with donated funds from the D.P. Murphy estate, Mary Steinlage Trust, a 2015 STEP Grant and a 2016 STEP Grant.

The exterior brick and mortar restoration \$20,000.00 project of the Jail & Sheriff's Residence will be completed this spring with donated funds and Nemaha CO. Commission support. The interior second floor jail ceiling damaged during the 2014 storm will be restored as part of this project.



The Temple of Honor restoration project is in the first \$111,200.00 phase to address the foundation and exterior moisture problems. The 2015 Kansas Heritage Trust Fund award will pay \$88,960.00 for this phase. The architect consultant has completed the final specifications which must be approved by the K.S.H.S. before the N.C.H.S. can request bids for the contracted work. The N.C.H.S. has filed for Tax Credits for this project which can be sold.

BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

by Freda Dobbins

The Bancroft Preservation Association is working through the myriad of details with new volunteers to operate the Association. The maintenance of the museum, other buildings and grounds will be continued. At the annual meeting of the Association, to be held on the 4th Sunday of June, in connection with the picnic, the formal 'changing' of leadership will be accomplished and more details for the continuation of the museum will be announced.



Until the June 25, 2017, Annual meeting and picnic, anyone wanting to visit the museum should call either 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197 to arrange a time for this. The museum is located by taking KS. Hwy. 9 west from Goff to KS Hwy. 62. Turn left (south) on 62 and go 3 miles to 24th Rd., turn left, or east & continue for 3 miles to the southeast corner of the intersection of 24th & 'S' Roads.

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NEMAHA COUNTY GENEALOGY

Information contributed by Volunteer Marcia Philbrick

Sometime in Oct. 2016, volunteers were re-creating a display in Annex 2. In the process, they pulled an item from a display because they felt that the light was causing it to deteriorate. This item was a large poster called 'Memory Lane' that listed the donors to a hospital ward. This hospital ward was above a store on Seneca's Main Street.

Because anything that ties a person to an event is a genealogical resource, I wanted the names transcribed off of the poster. Although these names became a part of a blog I wrote, I needed more details about this ward, and to achieve that goal it took me further into the archives.

That is when I found a little blue book labeled as Dr. Fangman's baby deliveries. In this journal are listed Seneca babies born between 1932 and 1955, as well as the sex of the infant and parent's name. A letter accompanied the journal explaining that it was donated to the museum by Mary Kaye Webb, who found it with her mother Eileen Lackey's things. Although the creator of this journal is unknown, the handwriting is consistent leading me to believe that it was a single person who wrote the entries into this record book. I took pictures of each page for our online archive, which can be found at:

<http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/archive/F6E8475E-B513-49F3-B9E7-352537524483> or go to nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com Click on Archive (far right at top of screen) Search for baby. Select the journal - 'Journal - Dr. Fangman's journal of baby deliveries.'

Realizing that in order to write about this for a blog, I needed to know more about Dr. Fangman, and that is where my research hit a roadblock because no one knew anything about the existence of him. So to solicit help I wrote a 'Help Needed' blog asking the community to identify the information in the journal and it's source. Using the online services of the Seneca newspapers, I researched obituaries of the St. Benedict area Lackey family as there was a marital connection between the Fangmans and Lackeys but this yielded no Dr. Fangman.

Several people contacted me via Facebook and offered their help. Three of the contacts I made through this search believe that Dr. Hash was the doctor at delivery and another says Dr. Mollohan was the doctor.

WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART XI

At the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention in July 1859, the delegates were all native of nine U. S. States and four foreign countries. They brought with them their own particular ideas about which form the constitution they were about to create based upon what they already knew should be taken. Each group knowing the provisions of its own constitution best, was in favor of adopting it as a model. As an example, it was during this debate that John O. Slough of Leavenworth CO. promoted those provisions set forth by the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention as the only right course to be taken in framing the Wyandotte Constitution, while William R. Griffith, being a native of Indiana, thought the constitution of that state would be a proper model.

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-Folding, field bed (cot) belonged to the father of Tom Hicks who served in W.W. I.
-Black metal tumbler on stand from Nemaha CO. Draft lottery, used last for Viet Nam.

Mary Brokamp brought her mother's two star window banner denoting two sons fighting in the war effort: W.W. II, Cyril Lierz & Henry Lierz.
W.W. II uniform for Cyril Lierz.

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-Photograph by Reichert. The 40% of the National Army - Nemaha CO. Drawn Sept. 19, 1917.

-Three ashtrays, 1 - Sgt. Agapito Garza, Co. C. 48th Medical BN. Writing on ashtray. 2nd, NCO Wives Club Fort Riley, Candy Dish. 3rd. SCM Wives Fort Riley, Candy Dish. 3rd SCM Wives Fort Riley, KS. 1969. To be put in W.W. II Nostalgic Display. W.W. II West N. Africa, Sicily, Normandy formed July 15, 1949 Omaha Beach, June 9, 1944. Retired to Camphood, TX. & was disbanded. Later reformed as part of 2nd Armored Div. Disbanded 1991.

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NEMAHA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE

Contributed by DarlAnn Rial

Initially, practicing physician Dr. N.B. McKay of Galesburg, Illinois brought a delegation of followers to the Territory of Kansas representing the Home Association, a utopia building organization establishing Corning in 1858. With the construction of the Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad through the center of the county in 1867, Corning with a population of 300 to 400 was already becoming a commercial railhead with well constructed mercantile establishments like that of the Tomlinson store of 1890. A review of deeds, tax records and registries suggest that the 1890 Tomlinson store was torn down and a brick department store was built by Dr. Isaac H. Magill and other local investors on the site in 1908. Prior to this date and in 1907, the Corning community was promoting a need for new commercial buildings and expanding the business district from the Main St. to Fifth St. In the meantime, George Lueck came to Corning after his graduation from Emporia State Teachers College in 1899 and managed the P.T. Casey Department Store, two city lots east of the present store. He leased the bigger Magill building, filled it with his stock and named it The Lueck Department Store and advertised extensively the goods he sold throughout Northeast Kansas and Western Missouri. Records have shown, that by leasing the Magill building proved to be to Lueck's advantage as he became a wealthy merchant contributing to the development of both the county and community of Corning. Harold & Mary Brokamp, purchased the building from Gene Sage in 1992 and at that time it was a grocery store. The Brokamps purchased this to keep this type of enterprise in Corning and expanded it to a hardware store as a service to area farmers. Eventually, the Brokamps moved the grocery store into their restaurant and catering business located on Kansas Hwy. 63, a block away, and used the former Lueck building for storage.



Former Lueck Department Store, Corning

This historic brick general store building faces north along what is known as 5th Street. This structure is a one story rectangular block building with a full basement with a 7 1/2 foot ceiling, oriented from north to south with the storefront & entrance to the north facing the recently built community building and library. In size alone, this building is the most significant structure on the block. This city's historic Farmer's State Bank built in 1892 and still operating today is located directly east of the store. The Lueck Dept. Store retains sufficient integrity of location, setting, materials and workmanship to justify its nomination to the Register of Historic National Places.

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-Sign measuring 6" by 11", telling of the execution of Melvin Baughn, his confession, from Leavenworth Times, Dept. 24, 1858. Two years ago Jesse S. Dennis, a citizen of Seneca, Nemaha CO., was shot & killed by Melvin Baughn. The murderer made his escape into Missouri where he was subsequently captured, brought to Seneca & lodged in the Nemaha CO. Jail.

-Brought from the Mission a 13" x 28" x 48" book case to be used to house Strathman Photography prints.

-Certificate: In grateful memory of George Elmer Kohake who died in the service of his country. At sea, Asiatic area, attached H.S.S. Birmingham, 4 flag 1945. He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow, and increase it's blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men. Harry Truman, President of the United States of America. Second certificate says: The United States of America To All Who Shall See These Presents, Greeting: This is to certify that the President of the United States of America Persuan to authority vested in him by congress has awarded the Purple Heart. Establishing by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, August 7, 1982 to George Elmer Kohake, Seaman Second Class, United States Haval Reserve For Military Merit and for Wounds Received in action remiting in his death May 4, 1945. Given under my hand in the city of Washington this 10th day of August 1945. Signed by Vice Admiral, United States Navy Chief of Navy Personnel, Rouflall Jueolis, The Secretary of the Navy, acting Artemus L. Gates.

-Western Union Telegram stating the death of George Kohake in W.W. II on May 20, 1945. Navy Training Course Certificate from April 1945 for George Kohake as a coxswain with mark of 3.0, pettu officer third class. Probate of George K. Kohake.

-High School graduation picture for George Kohake. Two pictures of George Kohake in uniform, 8 1/2" x 11" Navy picture of George Kohake in uniform with news article of death.

-Blue book with ship in gold lettering of U.S.S. Birmingham. Title of book: The Saga of the U.S.S. Birmingham, a compilation of her officers & men. CL-62. Foreword by Rear Admiral Thomas B. Inglis, United States Navy. George Kohake is listed in this book.

-CL 62 U.S.S. Birmingham. Ship that George Kohake was on when he was killed. He was buried at sea from this ship. George Kohake on right side, third from second row.

-Wallet belonging to George Kohake.

11/30/16

Celestine N. Evans re-creates s nostalgic past, a chapter in social history. Her father was a station agent at Sabetha in 1902 which meant he was a freight & express handler, a telegrapher, a ticket seller, custodian of the depot, expediter of mail, filer of damage claims, yardman & many other duties. Elestine lived above the depot who met & knew many who passed through the station. It is signed inside of the book by Minnie Gumbelman to Allison Anglesey dated Feb. 1, 1995

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-Air Force Academy dress uniform with white pants 7 blue top from the freshman year of Buddy Lizzol in 1999.

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-Rosary card & bank book, belonging to George Kohake, killed in W.W. II. Green Goff Rural H. S. District Three high school diploma of George Kohake, Class of 1942. Nemaha CO. Public School Diploma from 1938 Junior High School for George Kohake, brown with yellow cord. Certificate of Baptism for George Elmer Kohake in 1924 from St. Bede's church, Kelly, KS. 2 memory cards for George Kohake. George Kohake's class of 1942 picture from Goff H.S. Plus his 8th grade graduation at St. Bede's Parish, Kelly, KS. listing all of the student's names.

-Documents & momentos pertaining to George Kohake's Medal of Honor citation during W.W. II as per Seneca Courier-Tribune article covering his memorial service. News article reporting death in action of Kelly, KS. W.W. II Sailor George Kohake. Written on white lined paper is, George E. Kohake, SN 2nd Class Navy, CL-62 Birmingham. KIA-May 4, 1945. Buried at sea. Given Purple Heart. Sheet of instruction from the Bureau of Naval Personnel Information from Mar. 1944 with Information your dependents should have.

Copy of life insurance policy. Inventor of Valuable received from George Kohake. Letter from the Capt. Of the U.S.S. Birmingham explaining the events of George Kohake's death on his ship to his brother Anthony.

A letter from his brother Anthony to George on his ship

12/13/16

Extension Home Economics Honors for Mrs. Albert Thieme for outstanding accomplishments in Home Economics Unit Work. Presented by Cooperative Extension Service Kansas State University. For 25, 30 & 35 years. Signed by Mrs. Harold Dawdy & Nancy Meriweather. White with black lettering. Dec. 1980, Mildred Leveret.

-Kansas City Star newspaper article about the connection between Sabetha, KS., Harvey Pena & Hispanic ball players with the townspeople of the community.

LET'S BE PRESERVATION PARTNERS

by DarlAnn Rial

Do you have a box of old letters from your grandmother's attic? Do you have your father's business papers? Have you minutes from your mother's favorite organization, or perhaps scrapbooks that your little sister made while in high school? Copies of unpublished works are historically significant and valuable. Digitized images of these documents can and should be saved for our grandchildren, community and future researchers.

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digitize them to the museum software and then return all the documents back to you.

What should be preserved? Historical materials that are unpublished and one-of-a-kind are a priority, such as letters, diaries, professional & business papers, speeches & lectures, minutes & reports, memoirs & reminiscences, photo albums & photographs, genealogical data, maps, artifacts, architectural drawings, audio & video recordings and printed materials. Newspapers do not need to be saved since they are micro-filmed or digitized and available to the worldwide audience.

The volunteers at the museum can share the needed precautions to ensure a long life for the family papers; they are available to preserve the images of your collection into their museum software for future generations by e-mailing nchs@rainbowtel.net. However, there are financial benefits to donating your collection to a non-profit like the Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc. The museum volunteers can answer your questions and are on duty every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nemaha County Historical Museum, 113 North Sixth Street, Seneca,.

The continuation of

HISTORY FORGOT THEM

by Beth Harris

That there were many Black cowboys and that their occupations were diverse is evident. However, the fact that they are not prevalent in history could be partially due to the fact that the majority of Black cowboys were found in Texas. Due to strong prejudice from many of its citizens who were slave owners, the work of ex-slaves was not seen as valuable when compared to their White counterparts, and Texas history consistently excluded Black contributors. However, Texas, where cattle herding began, was a slave state (Billington 111). Blacks were cowboys in Texas while slaves. However, a slave cowboy did not receive any special recognition for his skills or have the ability to use them to earn wages. In Texas, after the Civil War, freed slaves moved to the western part of the state and became hired hands in the cattle industry. In reality, the state of Texas had some of the most notable Black cowboys. Pete Staples was a former slave who made his fame as a cowboy. He worked in northern Mexico and Texas with the "vaqueros" (Cowboys) there (Quintard 110).

After Texas, California was second in the West for its number of Black citizens. Subsequently, California was also second in the number of Black cowboys. Many Black cowboys were in California due to extensive positive advertising in the Black community for California as a good location for Blacks in the West as well as movements of slaves to California before it entered the union as a free state. California was advertised to recently freed Blacks as flowing with milk and honey. Black males followed the trail of migrating exodusters and ended up in California. Because the cattle industry was open to them, Black immigrants to California took the opportunity to make a living. Rolf Logan was a well-known pioneering cowboy and homesteader in central and northern California circa 1890 (Ravage 91).

Black cowboys not only worked with herd outfits, but they also were stars in rodeos. Being a cowboy allowed a man to develop skills with dealing with cattle, skills, that subsequently were part of the rodeo industry. Tracy Thompson was the bucking horse champion of Idaho circa 1900 (Ravage 91). Nate Love, better known in cattle industry as "Deadwood Dick", was a legendary cowboy who worked in both cattle drive and the rodeos (Katz 150).

Love was born a slave in 1854 in Tennessee. After the Emancipation Proclamation, he moved to Dodge City and worked cattle drives. Love worked drives for more than 20 years. However he was such a talented cowboy that he took part in rodeos. Love received his nickname "Deadwood Dick", in 1876 while participating in a rodeo in Deadwood, South Dakota. Today cowboys are only required to stay on a horse for a period of 8 seconds. In Love's day, cowboys were

required to break a horse, so that it would take a human rider without protest. Love accomplished this feat in 9 minutes, a record that he claimed to hold until he retired in 1890. Thereafter, he was known as Deadwood Dick. In 1907 he wrote an autobiography about his life as a cowboy entitled *The Life and Adventures of Nate Love* (Deadwood Dick 31).

However, not all black cowboys were part of herding outfits or rodeo stars in the cattle industry. There was a lot of money to be made in rustling (stealing) cattle, and black cowboys were among the rustlers. Because black cowboys were forced to do the hardest work with cattle, such as bronco busting, they had special skills with breaking in steeds (Katz 147). Ned Huddleston

a.k.a. Isom Dart was one such cowboy. He was born in slavery in 1849. He worked as a rodeo clown in Texas and Mexico. He was a highly skilled bronco buster, meaning he broke in horses to be ridden. However, perhaps because of his skills and the need for adventure, he became a cattle rustler and traveled around with a group of cattle rustlers known as the Bronco gang. Isom Dart was murdered in 1900. It is speculated that a cattle owner who had been robbed by Dart took revenge and hired Tom Horn to kill him (Katz 158)



Deadwood Dick



Isom Dart

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Over the March 25th weekend, Bryant Stallbaumer delivered these bronze medallions representing the five branches of military service to the Nemaha County Historical Museum as part of his Eagle Scout project. Thanks to this project, the Temple of Honor Military Museum will have new flagpoles gracing the lawn in front of that museum. The design, as seen to the upper right, requires a circular base with an embedded five-point star. At each point of this star, there will be one of the above medallions. Within this star, there will be three flagpoles flying the flags representing the United States, Kansas and MIA-POW.

This project is still in need of funding. If you would like to help get these flags flying in front of the military museum, your donation can be mailed to the Nemaha County Historical Society at P.O. Box 41, 113 North Sixth Street, Seneca, Kansas. Please write 'flagpole' in the memo area of your check to specify this project.



*Bryant Stallbaumer delivers bronze medallions to the
Temple of Honor Military Museum*



MAY 2017 QUARTERLY MEETING

The Nemaha CO. Board of Directors gathered at Burger Annex I at 5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2017. Secretary Patty Byers acting in the absence of President Anita Heiman called the quarterly meeting to order and introduced Dick Miller who gave a tour of the jail & Sheriff's Residence's windows restoration project that he is completing this summer.

Eagle Scout Bryant Stallbaumer updated the board on the progress of his Eagle Scout project. He reported that the holes and housing for flags had been dug and the site scraped for concrete. He expects the project to be completed by July 4, 2017. Bryant has secured additional funding and a pledge from a Trust to pay \$950 for the American flag pole.

Melvin Baker was unable to attend meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but he prepared a report of a very successful 2017 Golf Classic and recommended booking the first Saturday in April 2018 for the Golf Classic. Greg Newlin noted that weed killer had been sprayed on the lawn around the Jail & Sheriff's Residence, and it would be done again in the fall. Greg also advised the board that Dan Runnebaum would be bringing his tractor to the museum grounds to lift the horse trough back on its base so that it could be filled with bedding plants for the D.P. Murphy Memorial Garden.

Director Diane Rottinghaus reviewed the weekly tour schedule & announced that the 4th grade elementary school tour of the school room and all the buildings is scheduled for Friday, May 12th. Diane also reported that the Goff, St. Benedict & Quilt Rooms in the Sheriff's Residence has been updated & rearranged.

Alma Ackerman reported that the N.C.H.S. currently has 70 lifetime members, 50 paid up 2017 members & 13 business members. Alma noted that there are 194 current followers on the N.C.H.S. Facebook page & over 2,500 accessed in April & 1,282 this week alone. Freda Dobbins announced that the annual Bancroft picnic would be held on June 25th. Karen Holthaus reported steady research requests because of the Past Perfect archives online. Over 94 hits have been recorded to the Past Perfect archive online site. Karen advised the board to forward any research requests to the N.C.H.S. email site so that research can be better coordinated & properly billed. Bob Ackerman updated the board on the changes being made to the Farm Exhibit in Annex II & the delivery of 4 donated showcases for use in Annex II. Marlene Geyser & Alma Ackerman agreed to prepare coffee & burritos for the July 30th Car Show in the city park between 7 a.m. & 10 a.m. for the next fundraiser.

8TH ANNUAL TRACTOR CRUISE

Contributed by Richard Schmitz

The N.C.H.S. event this year will be held Saturday, July 29, 2017 in the Centralia, Corning & Coal Creek areas. A lunch will be served at the Corn Crib Restaurant in Corning and the evening meal will be hosted by Helena Chemical at the Centralia Plant. We will visit Coal Creek Church and cemetery southwest of Centralia.

In last year's Tractor Cruise sponsored by the N.C.H.S., the dedication for Angie McGuire, should have read that she was responsible for the organization of many tractor cruises for the Big Brothers-Big Sisters in Brown & Nemaha Counties, and not for Sabetha Relay for Life.

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

by Freda Dobbins

On a beautiful, cool evening, the Annual Picnic for the Bancroft Preservation Association was held on Sunday, June 25, 2017, on the grounds of the Bancroft Depot Museum. The Annual Business meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. with the election of officers. Elected were the following whose



positions will begin as of July 1, 2017: President, Rodney Brown; Vice-President, Francis Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Niehues; Committee Members: Bill Davis, Bob Davis & Dustin Davis, with Roger Brown to provide assistance.

A potluck meal followed, which included many delicious dishes and ended with three flavors of homemade ice cream. During the entire evening Gary Bell & friends provided music that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Bancroft Depot Museum will be open on Sunday afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m., during July & August 2017. If you are not able to visit during those times, contact Rodney at 785-851-9530 to set something up. The museum can be reached by taking KS. HWY. 9 west from Goff to KS. HWY. 62. Turn left, or south & proceed on 62 for 3 miles to 24th Rd. & turn left, or east and continue for 3 miles to the intersection of 'S' & 24th Roads where the museum is located on the southeast corner.

2017 HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC

2017 Heritage Golf Classic Chairman Melvin Baker reported that despite the breezy, cold weather eleven teams brought in a profit for our organization. He has already booked the Spring Creek Golf Course for the first Saturday in April 2018. This, as well as the previous golf tournament events has been successful for the N.C.H.S. in raising the necessary funds to support our military museum. Although not as many 4-person teams participated this year, we did have the full support from the community providing individual prizes and other monetary support.

Val Schmitz was awarded \$40 for the longest putt on the green at Hole #1. Jayson Tynon won a 50/50 money pot for being the closest to the pin on his first shot at Hole #2. At Hole #4, Carolyn McKnight was awarded \$40 for the longest drive in the fairway by a woman, and Spencer McKnight collected \$40 for being the closest to the pin on a 2nd shot at Hole #5. A 30/50 money pot was won by Chad Baker for being the closest to the pin at Hole #8 on his 1st shot, and a \$40 cash prize was awarded to Brent Domann for the longest putt on a green at Hole #10. At Hole #12, Val Schmitz won \$40 on being the closest to the pin on a 2nd shot, and in the men only category Kevin Burdick was awarded a \$40 cash prize for the longest drive in the fairway at Hole #14. No one won the \$1,500.00 prize for a hole in one on a 1st shot made a Hole #15.

The following raffle prizes were awarded: Tony Moore won a Diamond Tek Pitching Wedge & Putter donated by Val Schmitz, Jason Hajek won a Nationwide Umbrella donated by S.B.S. Insurance Agency, Robb Deters won a MOPAR Car Care Kit donated by Nemaha Valley Motors, Inc., Leroy Slack won Sony Stereo Head Phones donated by Mitchell Appliance, a \$25 Gift Certificate for room discount by Altenhofen Inn & Suites went to Keith Deters, Carolyn McKnight won a 1 month Family Membership to the Netawaka Fitness Center, Mark Mayberry won 1 free lube, oil & filter change compliments of Benskin Motors,

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2017 HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC *continued*

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Championship Flight, first place team was Justin Burdick, Dwayne Burdick, Drew Olberding & Kevn Burdick. Second place team was Barry Broxterman, Keith Lackey, Dan Heiderman & Allen Schmelzle, and third place team winners were Broc Korber, Rich Vernon, Jordan Weaver & Brian Winkler.

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Picture of U.P. Depot Seneca, KS.

01/03/17

1 DVD of program of Mike Calwell's Evening at Museum Lewis & Clark re-enactor performance.

01/17/17

100th Anniversary Home Lodge NO. 89, Sat. Mar. 27, 1971. Masonic Lodge, Centralia, KS., 1870 to 1970. Program for 1971. History of Home Lodge 89 of Centralia, KS. Newspaper article of history of Centralia, KS. Just the 1st page & not the rest of the article. Newspaper article of search for gold buried near Seneca in 1850's by 2 Massachusetts men may still be buried somewhere on the Nemaha River. Picture of Centralia Girls Basketball Team from 1924-1925. Anita Heiman's mother, Sylvia Colter, 4th from the left is one of these girls in photo. Girl sitting up is the coach.

01/24/17

Wooden & wire clothes hanger from the Firstenburger Clothing Store on 400 block of Seneca's Main St. in 1905.

01/31/17

Sauber's computer for growing corn. Tells corn yield estimator. A handy little slide rule of estimating your plant population & yield.

02/07/17

8 inch novelty, wooden rooster with "Goff" label.

02/10/17

Printed by Naylor's Pharmacy of Goff, KS., a 6 inch pad for auction & bridge scores with a 1928-1929 calendar on the back. An 8 1/2 by 10 inch framed picture of Robert Tasydor. Grandma Paraleigh (Ramsey) Ingwerson went to school in Beatrice, Neb. with Robert Taylor, whose real, or birth name was Spangler Arlington Baugh, who in 1911 while walking home from school with Grandma & her sister, Idola (a.k.a. Aunt Dode) to teach him to dance the Charleston. Black framed & under glass, Col. Albert Rial's Army Reserve sticker from the 1960-80's.

02/16/17

29 page Annual Report with pictures, activities during 2016, boardmembers, volunteer staff, membership report, grant report, audit, financial report, meeting agenda, published notice for Annual Meeting, history of N.C.H.S., Objectives, Saving the Jail photos, computer upgrades, tourism, D.P. Murphy Memorial Garden, Fundraisers, Bancroft Depot report, & summary financial report.

02/21/17

Arley Heald & Eitel Thieme 1918 photos joining W. W. I military; Goff Advocate Dec. 5, 1918 article about Eitel Thieme killed in action Nov. 5, 1918.

02/24/17

3 newspaper accounts from Seneca Tribune relating to Ostrander family: Fatal Accident, story of little Peter Ostrander instantly killed from the gun being held by his 10 year old brother playing with his father's gun. Story in June 3, 1881 & referenced to a story in Frankfort Headlight newspaper. The 3rd article contains a Frankfort Headlight story with a sensational account of the personal activities of Pete Ostrander in the Vermillion vicinity. Mr. & Mrs. Ostrander were divorced, but court case involved Mrs. Ostrander's involvement with a man by the name of Jordan.

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"On June 20, 1887, R. C. Bassett, Judge of the District Court of Nemaha CO., appointed the commissioners to lay out the land for the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern Railroad to lay their tracks through the county. It became necessary for another shipping station to be created half-way between Goff and Seneca, and the surname of the walking boss for the track laying crew for this project was Kelly. He and his men had set up a camp which would have been approximately in the vicinity of the future site of the town of Kelly, located between Section NO. 31 in Adams Twp. & also in Section NO. 6 of Harrison Twp. Pioneer Leonard Brook acquired the patent to the land where the town of Kelly was laid out from President James Buchanan on Oct. 10, 1860.

After a post office was established, the town of Kelly populated with mostly German and Irish pioneers acquired over time 2 general stores, a grain elevator, lumberyard, blacksmith, livery stable, hardware store, stockyard, schoolhouse, a band and two churches. Father Edwin Kassens, O.S.B. came to Kelly from Atchison and held services for members of the Catholic faith in the home of Bernard Gelhaus. The Parish of St. Bede at Kelly was organized in the Fall of 1901, by Fr. Charles Stuckle, O.S.B., the pastor of St. Peter & Paul in Seneca. Until a frame church building was completed in 1902, services were held in the district school building. Although the years of 1913 & 1914 were the poorest in crop production for this farming community, through great sacrifices a new structure was completed following the destruction of the old church building due to a fire. Atop the hill to the east side of the town, the new church, standing today as seen in the above photo is a magnificent Gothic structure measuring 54 feet by 100 feet, whose 125 foot bell tower is the home to a 1,000 lb. Bell.

Taken from the B.C.G.S. Ancestor Trail Part XIII of The Forgotten & Remembered Cemeteries of Nemaha CO., KS., May 2010. by Greg Newlin



St. Bede Church, Kelly

Wyandotte Constitutional Convention

Part XII

At the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention of July 1859, delegate Solon O. Thacher of Douglas CO. suggested the plan which was adopted. It provided that the roll of the convention. be called, and that each member name the constitution which he preferred as a basis for the convention to act upon, and that if on this vote no one constitution received a majority vote the roll would be called again, and that the members confine their responses to one of the three constitutions having the highest number of votes. Upon the first ballot, Ohio received 13 votes, Indiana 12 and Kentucky 6. Five votes were cast for the Leavenworth and three for the Topeka constitution, Pennsylvania and Iowa each received two votes, with Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota and Oregon one each. The number of votes for the Topeka and Leavenworth constitutions corresponds, respectively, to the number of members present who helped to form these documents.

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HISTORY OF THE NEMAHA COOPERATE CREAMERY

Compiled by Greg Newlin

The idea of establishing a cooperative creamery in Nemaha County was conceived and developed in the mid 1920's by men who were not satisfied with the then prevailing methods of handling cream....though cream buying stations or by direct shipment to plants located in St. Joseph, Kansas City, Topeka, Omaha and other places. That method was slow, expensive and cumbersome. It resulted in a very low quality product, with a very low return to the producer. The movement was further spurred on by the success of the Farmers Cooperative Grain Elevator at Sabetha. The men who were responsible for the success of this grain cooperative were determined to do something about the dairy situation and started the movement for a cooperative creamery.



J. C. Lanning



A. J. Collins



Glen R. Sewell



Ralph Tennal

Mr. J. C. Lanning, manager of the elevator, his directors, bankers A. J. Collins and Glen Sewell along with Ralph Tennal, editor of the Sabetha Herald, all got behind this movement and a favorable sentiment for this project was established. These men enlisted the aid of men in surrounding communities and many trips were made to the Washington CO. Cooperative Creamery at Linn, KS., the nearest successful cooperative creamery, to learn of the necessary steps to be taken to insure its success. Advice and counsel was asked for and freely given by men of the State Board of Agriculture, Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan and the Bank for Cooperatives at Wichita. Special mention should be made for the support given by W. H. Martin, Head of the Dairy manufacturing division of the college at Manhattan.

In the Spring of 1929, the men who formed the nucleus of the organization hired J.C. Branson, a professional promoter from Kansas City, to sell enough stock to start operations. The idea was to sell \$29.00 shares....one share for each cow the producer intended to milk. The promoter to get one dollar for each share of stock subscribed for an additional dollar if and when the cooperative was organized. Mr. Branson contracted for the sale of \$15,000 worth of stock....his effort being made smoother by the favorable sentiment built up by the men aforementioned.

After due consideration, it was decided to organize the Association on Sept. 6, 1929, at a called meeting in Memorial Hall in Sabetha, the Nemaha Cooperative Creamery Association was organized. A constitution and bylaws were adopted, setting up the rules and regulations for its operation, and a nine-member board of directors was elected to conduct the operations.

Jack McClanahan, William Moore, Fred Deaver, Jacob Aberle, Everett Fritz, Dave Beiri, W. D. Eisenbise, Harry Dandliker & Jake Anderson were elected as directors. The next day these directors met & elected Jack McClanahan, President; William Moore, Vice-President; Fred Deaver, Treasurer & Jake Anderson, Secretary. A building committee was appointed consisting of Jack McClanahan, Fred Deaver & Jacob Aberle.

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A. F. McClanahan



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On Sept. 11, 1929, the plans for the first building were drawn up by W. H. Martin of the Agricultural College. The directors elected Clarence Wilson of Brookfield, MO. as manager. Work on the building was commenced and in Nov. machinery and equipment was ordered. At this juncture it was found that it took \$20,000.00 to build and equip the plant. Only approximately \$13,000.00 was available and the constitution did not provide for any feasible method of borrowing money. A meeting of the members was called and the constitution was amended to provide for the issuing of preferred stock. The Sabetha Chamber of Commerce helped at this time to sell the necessary stock. The \$20,000.00 was raised, the building was



Clarence Wilson

constructed and equipped and operations commenced on Mar. 10, 1930, with 140 members and two trucks to haul cream.

At the annual meeting in 1945, the membership authorized the board of directors to use their judgement in regard to entering the milk business and establishing facilities to handle it.



First Creamery Building, March 10, 1930

On April 24, 1945, the directors voted to enter the milk business and on Sept. 12, 1945 the first milk was received.

Following Mr. Wilson's death in 1934, Axel Myerton was appointed as manager and continued in this capacity until 1943 at which time he went back to Minnesota as secretary of the Minnesota Creamery Operators & Managers Assoc., a position he held until his death in 1948. The creamery made great strides under the capable management of Mr. Myerton. Many policies adopted at that time could be seen as part of the success of the creamery even into the 1960's. Melvin Burger of Plainview, MN. replaced Mr. Myerton and served the association well but only for a brief period, leaving in 1945 to accept a responsible position with the National Butter Co. of St. Paul, MN. Mr. Burger was succeeded by Edward Johnston who continued as manager for 3 years, during which time the association launched into the milk business. P. D. Turner, who came with the association in July 1948 was manager in the 1960's and during his administration a large expansion took place in the milk processing side of the business, so that at that time the creamery was one of the largest and most diversified cooperative dairy processing plants in the nation owned and operated 100% by the surrounding dairy farmers...and debt free.



A. W. Myerton

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02/25/17

35 Nemaha CO. Genealogical Society Newsletters (1994-2005) By Laws of the Nemaha CO. Genealogical Society (1994) signed by Dorothy Pearl Murphy, Esther Akin, Robert Yunghans, Richard Wempe, Marcia Philbrick, Pauline Esslinger & Michael Philbrick.

02/28/17

Two Kodak Gold 200 24 exp. Film (new) two boxes.

03/07/17

Postcard of Seneca, KS. Bank Football Parade team RPPC Real Photo. Vintage Original Postcard.

- "Scribbles Of An Old Woman" Autobiography of Mary Cecilia (Schmidt) Welch.

-The Goff. KS. High School Mascot was the Roosters, for boys, & the Crackler's, for girls. They were named for the Hannah Poultry Plant that employed many people. This chicken emblem was donated by Lucyle Cannon. She had it on her letter jacket.

-A picture of the Machine Gun Troop, 13th Cavalry, Ft. Riley, KS. with names under pictures, likely 1941-42; Charles J. Noble commander.

03/08/17

Masonic pin found in cedar closet on third floor of Masonic Temple with the words Grand Commandery of Kansas on it.

-Seven negatives from Camp Funston around 1917; barracks and a soldier.

03/14/17

Probate files of Abijah Wells of Nemaha CO., KS. located in the District Court Offices. Also files of Paul Junod, Alexander Junod, United Methodist, Seneca City Cemetery, Mathias Strahm.

-Post card collection, donated by Mike Philbrick. Postcards belong to Anna Kelm, sent to from a friend in other parts of KS.

03/17/17

Bonnie Baldwin's dad's school pictures from Seneca Public Grade School grades 1-12; 1928 through 1939; He lived on Roanoke and left Seneca in 1940. He and his dad were lawyers, Baldwin & Baldwin, in the First Natl. Bank, 3rd floor. Grade 6: Florence Katherine Anderson, Rollins Allen, Robert Ward, Marilyn Wheatley, Charles H. Baldwin, Bessie Louise Geary, Bill Painter, Robert Piper, Victor Welborn, Rosa Tate, Sylvester Whiteside, Arthur Sisco, Thomas Levick, Wilma Neeley. Grade 12: Uldene Wells, Bessie Louise Geary, Gea Goodrich, Marilyn Wheatley, Nora Halfen, Rosa Tate, Arthur Sisco, Velma Harmon, Billie Painter, Robert Piper, Charles H. Baldwin, Albert Ward, John Sparling, Leonard Droge, teacher Doon Dittimore.

03/25/17

Booklet containing the genealogy of the Baldwin family in Seneca, KS. exported from the Baldwin Family History; prepared by Bonnie Baldwin Collier-Boys, M.D.

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The continuation of

HISTORY FORGOT THEM

by Beth Harris

Thomas "Tom" Horn, Jr. was born Nov. 21, 1860 in Scotland CO., MO., in his lifetime he served as an American Old West scout who was present at the surrender of Geronimo, carried out varied roles as a hired gunman, Pinkerton Range Detective, cowboy & Spanish-American War soldier, believed to have committed 17 murders as a hired gunman, executed by hanging Nov. 20, 1903 at Cheyenne, WY., following his conviction at his trial for the murder of Willie Nickell, the 14 year-old son of a sheep rancher.

Another example of a corrupt Black cowboy was Cranford Goldsby. Known as Cherokee Bill, he was the Black counterpart to Billy the Kid. Goldsby was born & raised into a law abiding family; his father was a Buffalo soldier in the West. However his parents separated when he was 7 and with his mother's remarriage at age 12, Goldsby no longer had a place in the home. By age 18, he had fallen in with the wrong crowd. His first shoot-out ended with a middle-aged man being wounded whom Goldsby had lost a fistfight to.

Goldsby was renamed Cherokee Bill because he became a scout for the Cherokee Nation and then with the Creek and Seminole nations. In 1894, Cherokee Bill became a part of the Cook brother's outlaw gang. Because he could travel through Indian country without fear, he had a decided advantage over his White pursuers. However, a month before his 20th birthday, Cherokee Bill was captured and sentenced to die for many crimes and he was hung on a sunny day in 1896 (Katz 155).

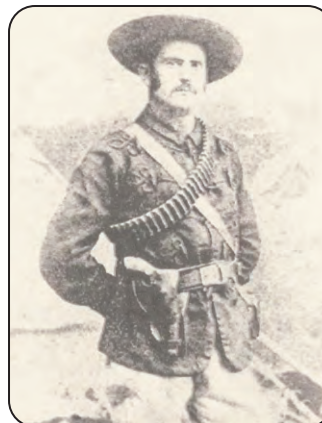


Cranford Goldsby

The Black cowboy took his inspiration for his trade from a variety of places. Though slaves were not taught to read, and most of the early Black cowboys were slaves, men who became cowboys often had enough initiative to learn, even though they were grown men before they got a chance. One such man is Nate Love, who wrote an autobiography. His nickname, "Deadwood Dick" is the name of the character in a series created by Edward J. Wheeler, who was a popular western dime novel writer before Love's time (Western Literature).



Nate Love



Henry Beckworth

There were also many Black cowboys who, though they could not read or write, became legends of their time due to their natural abilities. Henry Beckworth was one of these cowboys. He was of Black, Indian, Mexican & Anglo-Saxon decent. Fellow members in his outfit would say that he was so close to wild animals that he could sleep in the brush alone and not have to fear an attack from wild animals (Katz 89).

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-Copies of 1930 postcard of the Seneca Women's Club members, including Young, Funk, Keith, Wheeler, Hybskman, McClary, Boworth, Johnson, Barnes, Middle Row: Bennett, Pendleton, Goodrich, Mathews, Kauffman, Pritt, Teed, Riley, Adriance Bottom Row: Vorhees, Allen, Piper, Smith

03/25/17

Buchaer, Emery Jr., Fuller, Mathews & Baldwin letter from Bonnie Baldwin Collier who donated the picture.

-Photograph of Clifford Waste Baldwin in his law office on Main St., Seneca, KS. there is a National Reporter System Map calendar on the wall that is dated Mar. 1924, which would make Clifford 30 years old in the photo, below the calendar is a schematic map of Seneca. There is a small photograph of Horace Mortimer Baldwin, Clifford's father hanging on the wall next top the calendar. Horace established the law practice in Seneca circa 1906; he died in 1919. Father & son shared the law office for a short time after Clifford was discharged from the Army in 1918. Clifford continued to practice law in Seneca until the early 1950's.

-Original logo developed for N.V.H.S. in 1976.

03/28/17

Square black box with lid that shows the 1892 Aluminum Ware guaranteed for 20 years. American Aluminum MFG. GO.

- Lemont, Ill., U.S.A. Picture of Mrs. J.S. Tammen from Peoria, Illinois showing her set of cookware in her home. Has the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

-Royal Manual Typewriter

-Travel bag owned by Martin Steinmetz.

-Wedding dress donated by Lorestine Schmelzle, belonging to her mother May Elizabeth Laur Lear. Wedding date is April 22, 1925. Husband, Martin A. Steinmetz. Married at St. Joseph's Church at Flush. Attendants Austin & Caroline Holtman. Photograph of wedding party is attached to accession sheet.

03/28/17

Postcard of cattle being herded on Seneca, KS., Main Street. The store in background is G. Williamson, what was once the A & P grocery store later in the town's history. Taken May 20, 1907.

-Model T Ford automobile with woman & child sitting in it. Has barn & shed in background. Donated by Donnie Mackie.

-Bronze on wood basketball trophy...NM. Tourney B - Teams 1st 55.

-Newspaper accounts of Peter Ostrander accident & Ostrander court case.

-Centralia Documents

-Centralia Girl's Basketball Team 1924-25

-Magazine about the Professional Bulletin of Army History. Issue is Spring 2017 by the order of the secretary of the army. 55 pages Articles about World War I, West Point Museum & book reviews, pictures & maps included.

-My Travels with Lewis donated by Greg Newlin

-George Lueck Department Store Register of Historic Places application form researched & filed by the Nemaha CO. Historical Society, Inc. for Harold & Mary Brokamp. Feb. 2, 2017

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N.C.H.S. BUSINESS

The Nemaha County Board of Directors gathered on Aug. 8, 2017 to hear the Historical Society's status reports and address several pending issues. In attendance were 11 of the 12 board members, also present were Dir. Diane Rottinghaus, Bancroft Preservation Assn. Board President Rodney Brown & his brother Roger Brown, the newly appointed B.P.A. Rep. to serve on the N.C.H.S. Board of Directors.

Carpenter Dick Miller reported on the Jail & Sheriff's Residence preservation project, the Seneca E.M.T. Assn. Members Mary Sack, Betty Haug & Bruce Stanley presented plans for a proposed Seneca E.M.T. Memorial to be located on the Temple of Honor lawn with their remaining organization's funds & Nancy Gafford & David Key, Executive Dir. Gary Satter of the Glacial Hills Resource, Conservation & Development of a Nemaha CO. Satellite Museum Program. The N.C.H.S. board agreed to pursue all 3 projects.

Jonathan Stallbaumer presented his Eagle Scout Award project plan for an outdoor farm exhibit. He described the proposed farm display in which he had worked out & consulted with Bob Ackerman. The N.C.H.S. board approved the proposed outdoor farm exhibit plan which will be located between Annex I & II with under ground drainage, rock covering, canopy, fence & storage shed.

Dir. Diane Rottinghaus reviewed the weekly tour schedule & announced the upcoming schedule for bookings. Diane also thanked Alma Ackerman & Marlene Geyser for assistance in updating the room displays in the Sheriff's Residence. Membership Chair Alma Ackerman reported that N.C.H.S. currently has 70 lifetime members, 50 paid up 2017 members & 13 business members. Alma noted that there are 217 current followers on the N.C.H.S. Facebook's page in 11 states & 4 foreign countries.

Curator Marlene Geyser reported that the newly rearranged Railroad & Farm Exhibits in Annex II had been completed. All the Annex II displays have now been updated with deteriorated artifacts removed & duplicates moved to storage. Researcher Karen Holthaus reported steady research requests because of the Past Perfect archives online. Acting President Patty Byers presented Freda Dobbins & Melvin Baker with appreciation certificates for their service to the N.C.G.S. Joyce Olberding reported 3 memorial plates & 1 "Friends of the Museum" appreciation plate had been ordered & will be installed with the wall plaques. Marlene Geyser reported on the June garage sale fundraiser & recommended that future garage sales be open on Thursday until 7 p.m., Fri. 8-5 & Sat. until noon, also noted that the Car Show food booth was successful with all the coffee, sweet rolls & burritos selling out in 2 hrs. of sales. She agreed to chair the Hwy. 36 Treasure Hunt Garage Sale based on her recommended sales hours.

HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT

By DarlAnn S. Rial, Administrator

Bids were due on Aug. 30 for the Temple of Honor Military Museum Preservation Project funded in part by the Kansas State Heritage Trust Fund. Unfortunately, no bids were received from any General Contractors. Two bids from sub-contractors were received & those bid amounts will be kept in confidence to not influence our revised bidding schedule. General Contractors from Nemaha County and the surrounding area still express interest but have prior commitments to other projects for the next several months. The Kansas State Historical Society has given the N.C.H.S. permission to schedule a new bid date of Sept. 21, 2017 & include two items on the bid form: 1. A place for the bidder to state their earliest start date if they are selected for the project. 2. A place for the bidder to set their anticipated number of calendar days to complete the project.

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MEMORIALS

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b. July 8, 1922 - Clay Center, KS
d. July 10, 2017 - Seneca, KS



CHRIS HOLTHAUS

b. Nov. 4, 1956 - Seneca, KS
d. Aug. 13, 2017 - KU Med, KS

LARRY HAUG

b. Sept. 8, 1939
d. July 12, 2017 - Seneca, KS

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N.C.H.S. CLOSES OUT A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Nemaha Co. Historical Society closed out the 2017 year with a major restoration of the Jail & Sheriff's Residence successfully completed. The 42 windows have been restored to original state, the roof replaced, and the exterior brick mortar project finalized. Carpenter Dick Miller had taken care of the bat problem, caulked cracks on the outside of the building, repaired water damage to the chimney by caulking & sealing. Cracks in the terrazzo on the Sheriff's Residence west porch have been filled & sealed. The Board approved a winter project to use a 10' x 16' area in Annex II for a railroad depot for display of the railroad artifacts. The area will face west & have a gable roof & overhang, covered with imitation wood shingles. Funding for supplies will come from grant funds. Carpenter Dick Miller will donate his time & talents.

Director Diane Rottinghaus reported that the N.C.H.S. has had on an average of 2 tours per week, mainly out-of-town guests. She is training more volunteers to provide tours of the 4 museum buildings.

The Board addressed 2018 budget needs & sought ways to cut expenses & recommended electronic delivery of the Pioneer Press newsletter. They also adopted new membership fees beginning in 2018 as recommended by Alma Ackerman, Membership Chairman: \$20.00 for individual membership with email copy of newsletter; \$25.00 for individual membership with hard copy of newsletter; \$100.00 for corporate sponsorship & membership (includes fundraiser sponsorship & quarterly ads in newsletter); \$35.00 for business membership (listed business member in newsletter with no advertising).

Bryant Stallbaumer completed his Eagle Scout Award Project with the dedication of the flag & medallion display on Veterans Day 2017. Jonathan Stallbaumer now has his proposed Eagle Scout Award Project of an outdoor farm exhibit on the museum grounds approved with plans to complete it in the Spring of 2018.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We worked diligently during 2017 to save & preserve Nemaha Co. History, despite many health interferences to our volunteers. We have initiated preservation of several historical buildings in Nemaha Co. including our Jail & Sheriff's Residence that serves as the Nemaha Co. Historical Museum & the Masonic Temple which serves as the Nemaha Co. Military Museum. Many hours of volunteerism continue to build displays & improve preservation of historical artifact & archive collections within the museums. Contributions from members, supporters, historians & tourists have added to the 7 annual fundraising events to fund these preservation activities.

The result of our efforts is that our volunteers did it with great success. They did what they could with the time they had & the resources at hand. No matter what's happening in the world, it's good to celebrate what we have in Nemaha CO., recognizing & preserving what has made us unique.

I am incredibly thankful for our amazing sponsors, supporters, researchers, historians, carpenters, commissioners, genealogists, visitors & members.

Thanks for all you do.

Anita Heiman

**President
Nemaha Co. Historical Society**

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d. Nov. 18, 2017 Seneca, KS

Mary Magdalene Steinlage

b. Apr. 11, 1923 Kelly, KS.

d. Nov. 23, 2017 Seneca, KS.

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NEMAHA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Nemaha CO. Historical Society, Inc. will be held on the evening of Feb. 13, 2018 in the Burger Annex One at 113 North Sixth Street, beginning with a covered dish meal at 5:00, at 6:00 there will be an oral history presentation made by special speaker and Sabetha resident Ken Bauman. After having spent many years as a railroad station agent in this area, this is something that you will not want to miss as Ken recalls from his work experiences many stories that have local historical appeal. He recently donated his large collection of railroad memorabilia and antiques to our museum that now makes up our recently expanded railroad display that spans years of railroad history in Nemaha Co.

At 7:00 as part of the annual business meeting that will commence, among other the other order of business there will be an election of five directors plus a discussion by By-Law changes.

2018 GOLF CLASSIC PLANS ANNOUNCED

Golf tournament enthusiasts Debbie and Rick Slater of Wichita, KS. have agreed to serve as chairs of the 2018 Golf Classic Military Museum fundraiser scheduled for Sat., April 7th at the Spring Creek Golf Course in Seneca, KS., Nemaha CO. Historical Society, Inc. President Anita Heiman announced. Sunday, April 8th is the rain date.

Rick Slater, who has recently retired is the brother of board member Karen Holthaus. While both participate in rotating tournaments, his wife Debbie has chaired women's golf tournaments across the State of Kansas. Together with N.C.H.S. volunteers, the Slaters will work to seek sponsors, recruit teams and coordinate these teams with events of the day of the Golf Classic.

Teams will register at 9:00 a.m. with the shotgun start of the 9th Annual Golf Classic to commence at 10 o'clock. Registration includes green fees, golf cart, entry package and lunch. Mulligans will be available. Teams may pay on site, or by sending fees in advance to P.O. Box 41, 113 North Sixth St., Seneca, KS. 66538.

Generous cash prizes will be awarded for first, second & third place, and flight winners. The four-person scramble format will give back a 60/40 Payback. Double money will be given on tee shots on Hole #2 inside chalk circle. Other prizes will be given for drives closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt and many more !!!

Sponsorship options include: (a.) Barbecue Sponsorship of \$500 which allows chosen military veteran to be honored in Golf Classic promotion posters; (b.) Gold Sponsorship on \$250 which pays for a Hole Sponsorship sign & Team of Four fees; (c.) Hole Sponsorship is \$100 which allows for a Hole Sponsorship sign; (d.) Cart Sponsor: \$100 allows for sponsorship sign on carts; (e.) Silver Sponsor is donations of less than \$100 and pays for hole prizes.

Questions can be directed to the Nemaha CO. Historical Museum at 785-336-6366, or by e-mailing nchs@rainbowtel.net. The local chair contact is Karen Holthaus at 785-260-3533, or khaus66538@gmail.com.

IN MEMORY OF MARY By DarlAnn Rial

Mary M. Steinlage, 94, died on Thursday, November 23, 2017, at the Nemaha Valley Hospital in Seneca, Kansas. Prior to this, Mary had been a resident of the Crestview Nursing Home since her fall at home a few years ago, where until mid-2017 she continued to save obituaries, historical articles and genealogical items for the archives of the Nemaha CO. Historical Society.

Born on a farm southeast of Kelly, KS., she was the daughter of immigrants from Germany and a collector of German books and articles. Before her retirement from employment in 1989, Mary served as Nemaha CO. Historical Society Board Secretary and Treasurer. In more recent years, she was instrumental in establishing the "Settling of Nemaha County Collection" at the Historical Museum. She also researched and corresponded with family, friends and strangers to create a map and photograph collection of early Nemaha County country schools.

In addition to writing many booklets for St. Bede's church, Mary also published "The History of Kelly" in December 2008 of which she researched with family and neighbors. This book inspired John Vorhees of Maryland to create the Traveling Kelly Display, which includes photographs, a moving train on a track in a mockup of early Kelly, KS. It is on display at the Nemaha CO. Historical Society in Seneca.

Mary's touch is found throughout the Nemaha County Historical Museum where her presence will be missed but her research lives on!

1859 WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART XIV

Delegate William Hutchinson of Douglas Co. reported that the preamble was copied almost word-for-word from the preamble of the Massachusetts Constitution, which had been originally composed by our nation's second president John Adams, a native of that state, born in present-day Quincy on Oct. 30, 1735. Adam's composition would have been of historic interest, at least, but the members of the Kansas convention discarded it in favor of a short enacting clause prepared by delegate Samuel A. Stinson of Leavenworth Co. In introducing this clause, he stated that it was the usual form of those constitutions which he had examined. However, it appears that the Kansas preamble is based upon the Minnesota model and adding a few words from that of the Wisconsin and Iowa preambles.

Brown Co. Genealogy Moment No. 459

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NEMAHA COUNTY CHURCH ARCHITECTURE PART III

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Front Door & Window

Detailing

Father Arthur Trompeter was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in 1949. During his pastorate, the new Sacred Heart church was erected on, or above the original site of the "Basement" Church. Cornelius Construction Co. of Paola, KS. was the general contractor with Brinkman & Hagan of Emporia, KS as the architects of what is one of the best examples of modern Gothic, or Art Deco design buildings in Nemaha Co., KS.

The light buff brick exterior is trimmed with cut and strip variegated Indiana Limestone on this structure that is 147 feet long by 63 feet at its widest point. The cornerstone was blessed in 1952 by Archbishop Edward J. Hunkeler of the newly formed Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas.

The final cost, including the soft-textured Appalachian oak pews and stained-glass windows crafted by T.C. Esswe Co. of Milwaukee, WI and designed by artist Erhard Stoettner, came to approximately \$300,000.00. In 1955, Father Edward F. Roberts assumed leadership of Sacred Heart and to him befell the task of finishing the building of the church. Detailing in the upper bell tower are similar to New York city's Chrysler and Empire State buildings. On the front of Sacred Heart, the marriage between the cross being treated as a relief design over the round clear glass window is a fine example of modern Gothic Art Deco design and most noteworthy in the annals of Nemaha Co., KS. Architecture.

I wish to thank N.C.H.S. Librarian Karen Holthaus for contacting Phyllis Broxterman, the Sacred Heart Parish Secretary for the above information on this structure.

Side View

Conclusion of HISTORY FORGOT THEM

By Beth Harris

With the substantial number of Black cowboys during the height of the cattle drive, estimated by some to be as high as one in four, it is amazing how these men were left out of history. In addition to the cowboys, thousands of Black Westerners, who endured the hardships just as their White counterparts did, are equally as forgotten. Recently, since the 1970's, there has been a move to put minorities into their proper places in U.S. History, but history, if accurately written, need never be revised on such a grand scale. However, moviemakers, in particular, are attempting to rectify this fact. Popular movies such as a remake of the 70's classic "Wild Wild West" and "Silverado" put Black pioneers in their proper place in the West. Though the "Wild, Wild

West" is a rather fictitious depiction of the West, "Silverado" paints a more realistic picture of the Black Cowboy. The Black Cowboy in Silverado came the North after working as a meat packer. This was a probable vocation for a Black in the North and a meat packer moving west for opportunity had a high likelihood of becoming a cowboy (Silverado).

"Today, African American cowboys are portrayed in motion pictures, television programs and magazine articles but how the early historians could have missed their existence of this many people remains an intriguing mystery.

(Ravage 53) Until the late 20th Century, the way that Blacks in the West were remembered is as cooks and servants, their wealth and status forgotten in the transition from fact to history.

That it took almost 100 years for the contributions of Black Cowboys to be noticed illustrates how prejudice interfered with history. Though many Black Cowboys struggled just as the White counterparts to carve a life for themselves in the hostile and rugged West, written history forgot them.

The End



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CONTINUATION OF MUSEUM DONATIONS FROM 2017 Provided by Librarian Karen Holthaus

dutchman, was often placed between the sections being joined, with only the web & foot of the rail being new Thermite steel. (10.)

- Plaque denoting Ken Bauman President of U.P.O.T. Nov. 4, 1981, Kansas City.
- Key to switch.... Union Pacific CS-21 lock.
- Brass leg to depot waiting room bench.

07/11/17

- Ceramic chicken used as a Goff Mascot.
- Gray curry comb with red handle used to groom horses.

07/22/17

- Promotional flyer from McCormick Distilling Co., Weston, MO. for the Union Pacific Jupiter 60 Mail & Passenger car train.

07/25/17

- Black 11" by 14 1/2" framed baby picture of Lawrence Bilger donated by Ruth Swart. He lived on a farm named the Gettle Farm, south of Oneida. He was a farmer stockman all his life & he trapped & sold pelts for extra income as well as having 100 swarms of bees & sold honey. Born in 1899 in Doniphan CO., he died in 1987.
- Report of the Diocesan School Board of the Diocese of Leavenworth, KS., Aug. 1929. Includes information on Kelly School, St. Peter & Paul School, St. Benedict Sister's residence at St. Benedict, KS., Axtell, KS. all parochial schools.

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07/26/17

- 12" by 15" map detailing the Nemaha CO. Roads.
- 1957 Plat books of Nemaha CO. with township plats corrected to May 3, 1957; R.C. Booth Enterprises, Harlan, Iowa.
- Picture of Main Street taken in 1908. (2.) 111908 map of Kelly. Closed down K.C. W.N.W. Railroad, Oct. 20, 1998 Kansas City Star article. (3.) Picture of Kelly grocery store taken in 1913 as a one-time booming business place. (4.) The Nov. 1, 1919 Eisenbarth family story about train that split the family carriage in 2 pieces carrying his father down the track as told by Ed Eisenbarth, confirmed by Lloyd Hazen. The father was placed in an old Studebaker car & taken to Sabetha where he died the next day. Dad remembers being led by the hand up to the Winklet house & he saw the team of mules that had been pulling the buggy, they were tied to a fence. Another person was killed in Seneca on that same day & railroad. (5.) Typed history of Kelly. (6.) Draft of notes for Kelly Book. (7.) File with notes of what business or home is located on each city lot in Kelly. (8.) Mary's notes about typing a short history of Kelly for Mr. Mary Korte which caused her to find additional information & it published. (9.) Map of Harrison Township. (10.) Photograph of St. Bede's church choir members, Kelly, KS. Fredolin Stallbaumer, George Russ, Barney Schultejeans, George Rettele, John Reichert, Jake **Russ &**

Andrew Ketter taken by Bernadine Wessel (Schultejeans). (11.) Kelly History printed in "Ghost Towns of Kansas" book from Grace Strathman. (12.) Abstract notes of cemetery about Emma Ketter & Irene Campmise. (13.) Kelly articles in the Courier-Tribune, Mar. 16, 1959 about St. Patrick's Day & Kelly students producing a film on safety. (1978) (14.) File on schools in Nemaha CO. & letter from Benedictine Sisters of Atchison. (1933) (15.) Draft of book, History of Kelly. (16.) File of articles about Abe Lincoln's visit to Kansas, includes one from Wilson Museum bulletin (1973), Courier-Tribune (02/12/2003) notes from Pete Duncan of Troy, KS. (2001 & 2003) correspondence from Mrs. Dason Schmitz & Carl Shrontz, Hanover, KS. (2005)

- First draft of Mary Steinlage's book, "Kelly", notes used for book including copies of photos & documents.

07/28/17

- Family record of Chauncy Lackey.
- Directory of Nemaha CO. Schools, 1931 to 1932. Blanche McNergney, County Superintendent, Seneca, KS. Roster of teachers of each school in county, tax levy, school board members, duties, powers & legal duties of teachers.

08/03/17

- Grade 6 "Handwriting for Everyday Use" published by the State of Kansas. -32" by 17" Map of Railroads in the United States listing all military bases across the country (1942).
- A collection of photos & stories in "History of Soldier, KS. & Surrounding Community", a 294-page book by Jerry & Nina Reed.
- 78" screen 7 projector for showing Power Point presentations donated by Nemaha Valley High School.
- A 11" by 9" poster promoting Friday, June 30th & Monday July 3rd, 1961 in downtown Seneca.

08/09/17

- Seneca E.M.T. Summaries: Clear Plastic cover w/ blue binding: Seneca E.M.T. Association Membership (includes all certificate levels), Seneca E.M.T. Association Member's Involvement; List of photos in frames.

08/15/17

- Class of 1911 yellow award ribbon from Nemaha CO. Schools.
- Letter from the Dept. of the Army regarding ceremonial rifles provided to Seneca V.F.W. Letter asking for an inventory of rifles belonging to the U.S. Army.
- Inactive listing of members of the Seneca V.F.W. during the 1950's. Includes information on name, address, where served, rank, family of service member.
- 2 pictures of St. Peter & Paul Church, on each side of the interior & exterior taken before the 1896 tornado by photographer W.N. Sweet of the National View Co.

08/16/17

- Two Internek 20' box type floor fans purchased at Shopko using N.C.H.S. funds for \$17.00 each.
- Three loose leaf notebooks covering the Seneca E.M.T. Assn. meeting minutes from 1978 to 2015, plus plans for emergency bldg.
- Photo loose leaf notebooks & scrapbooks covering 1978 to 2015 for the Seneca Assn.

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Continuation of MUSEUM DONATIONS

08/22/17

- -1925 Spelling Achievement Certificate; 1921 Twelve years old First Communion & two St. Peter & Paul High School Diplomas.
- -Photos covering the years of 1925 to 1931 of school events involving Jack, Tom & Elsie Graney, Herman Beyreis & teacher Miss Irene Lehman.
- -Golden token coin commemorating the Kansas Centennial 1861 – 1961.
- -Graduation certificate from the Wichita, KS. School of Barbering presented to Thomas P. Graney on Sept. 8, 1956.
- -W.W. II photograph of U.S. Army Mechanic Thomas P. Graney, who served in the Pacific.

08/23/17

- -Found on the internet a Pony Express Courier letter dated June 8, from Herbert Brame, Mgr. Placerville, CA.; a cover card from Geo. Adriance is attached noting that the person in question, Wm. Boulton was Sheriff in Nemaha CO. on Nov. 3, 1863, but lost his race for office in 1861.
- -7" ceramic statue of barber & barber pole from Thomas Graney.
- -10" zippered barber's bag for carrying 4 combs, 2 pr. scissors, 2 razors & shoulder brushes to give haircuts to shut-ins at nursing home or assisted living units.
- -Doll Certificate of Appraisal from the Doll Cradle in Shawnee, KS., dated 08/24/2009 for Vintage Bride doll made in 1950. Valued at \$75.00 & belonging to Carol Graney.
- -Broker business cards for Irene Graney & Thomas P. Graney of Graney Real Estate, 427 1/2 Main St., Seneca, KS. 66538; Office 336-2929. Residence 336-2379, changed to 336-3434.
- -6 1/2 "by 5" Certificate of Registration to certify Thomas P. Graney by the Kansas State Board of Barber Examiners, issued Aug. 25, 1986 in a metal frame with a black plastic holder.
- -Two twisted wire soda fountain chairs with wooden seats that were seating at one time in the Graney Barber Shop.
- -24 1/2" Bride Doll purchased from Mathewson Dept. Store in 1947. 1950 was the year of origin, with plastic head, arms, legs, rooted hair, eyes that open & close, original clothes, shoes & earrings in mint condition because it has been kept inside a glass covering with a wood base by owner Carol Graney who grew up in Seneca, KS.

08/29/17

- -K.S.U. Graduation diploma for Seneca public student Russell Conwell Buehler, son of Library Director, Agnes Buehler during the 1930 & 40's. Includes a picture of his class included in the sleeve. K.S.U. Commencement Program. A Charge to the Class of 1939
- -2 booklets: Shaver's Monitor, Complete exoteric ritual for work & lectures of the 3 degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry for 1921 & 1939. Booklet from Lodge NO. 39 on tests & interrogatories. -Music & Musicians in Kansas, compiled by Edna Reinbach, catalogue at Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, KS., 1930. Printed by Kansas State Printing Plant, B.P. Walker, State Printer, 13-31434, 51 pages. Donated by Jennave C. Meriwether.
- -New Testament pocket size Bible belonging to James Gafford. Membership means, the member will read a chapter each day from the Bible & carry a testament of Bible with him everywhere.
- -Arlene Wells graduation items. Senior Class of 1939 graduation announcement & invitation. Program for the 14th Annual Reunion of the Seneca High School Alumni Association May 30, 1970. 50th

Annual Reunion of the Seneca High School Alumni Association Program, Sat., May 27, 2006. Program for Seneca High School Alumni Association's 55th Annual Reunion on June 11, 2011.

- -Three 1954 credit receipts from the Gilford Hotel under proprietorship of Lily F. Barnum explains the cost of a room with meals. Laundry & phone long distance service included with a "PAID" stamp in blue ink donated by the Nortonville, KS. High School.
- -Yellow postcard of the Centennial of the State of Kansas 1861-1961. Greetings from Kansas. Midwest U.S.A. Our 100th Birthday. Shows the official Seal of the State of Kansas. Done by M & M. Printing in Topeka, KS.
- -Colorized Kansas Official Centennial Map, 1861-1961. John Anderson, Jr. Governor of Kansas. Addison H. Meshke, Dir. Of Highways, Walter Johnson, State Highway Engineer.
- -Alumni Associations 55th Annual Reunion on June 11, 2011.
- -Presbyterian Mission built in 1867 at Highland, KS.

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09/05/17

- -1948 Kansas State Plow Terrace Contest, Nemaha CO. S.C.D., 9 miles SW Seneca, KS., 3 1/2 miles north of Centralia on HWY. 187 on SW 1/4 19-3-12. General view of broadcasting platform. SCS {jtp-B.C. MoLean}
- -Yellow booklet from the 5th Battalion, 55th Artillery of Kansas City Nike-Hercules Defense, U.S. Army. Maj. James D. Thomas, Commanding. The mission of the Kansas City Nike-Hercules Defense is to protect the Greater Kansas City area from enemy air attack. N.A.S. Olathe, KS.
- -Six possibly from the late 1890's Strathman Negative prints, 8 1/2 " x 12".

09/06/17

- -12" x 10" wood framed Certificate for Punctual & Regular Attendance, Jan 12, 1922 at Seneca Public Schools for Edward Taylor. Signed by teacher Grace Funk & Superintendent E.E. Pruegle.
- -1922 Dedarville High School yearbook with picture of Enid Flemming, the wife of Edward Taylor who he met while both were enrolled at K.U.

09/11/17

- -Photographs of Camp Whitside, Ft. Riley donated from framed pictures at Albany Museum.

To be continued in Vol. 36 –Issue 2

Continuation of The History of the Nemaha Cooperative Creamery Part II
Compiled by Editor Greg Newlin

POUNDS OF BUTTER MADE BY MONTHS

	(1935)	(1936)	(1937)	(1938)	(1939)
January	171,579.....	172,921.....	169,200.....	203,016.....	277,809
February	145,778.....	160,641.....	158,889.....	193,972.....	254,952
March	164,009.....	193,209.....	183,684.....	239,433.....	328,712
April	211,024.....	220,058.....	206,201.....	295,440.....	336,194
May	275,770.....	258,517.....	323,665.....	360,633.....	441,028
June	253,561.....	263,559.....	310,486.....	331,257.....	392,939
July	220,657.....	195,959.....	217,601.....	290,821.....	363,392
August	190,047.....	165,924.....	176,101.....	298,019.....	356,090
September	167,786.....	159,600.....	159,320.....	247,704.....	258,761
October	139,118.....	177,540.....	145,495.....	218,498.....	254,877
November	121,801.....	172,984.....	161,713.....	233,044.....	269,000
December	144,243.....	174,732.....	186,666.....	257,578.....	290,849
TOTALS	2,205,373.....	2,315,641.....	2,399,021.....	3,169,415.....	3,824,603

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___ **Hole Sponsor:** \$100
Pays for Hole Sponsorship signs

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Package/Lunch

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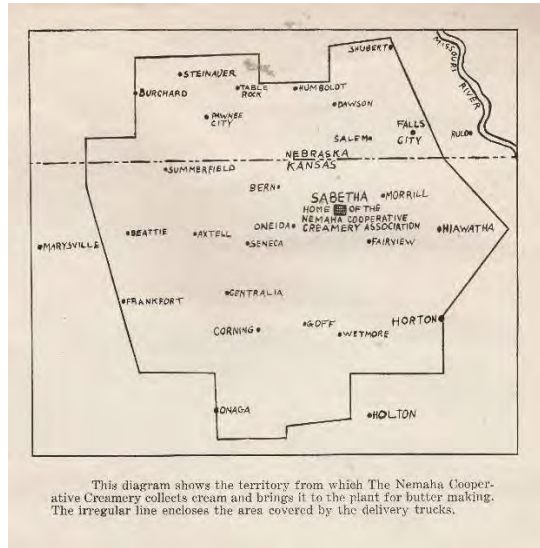
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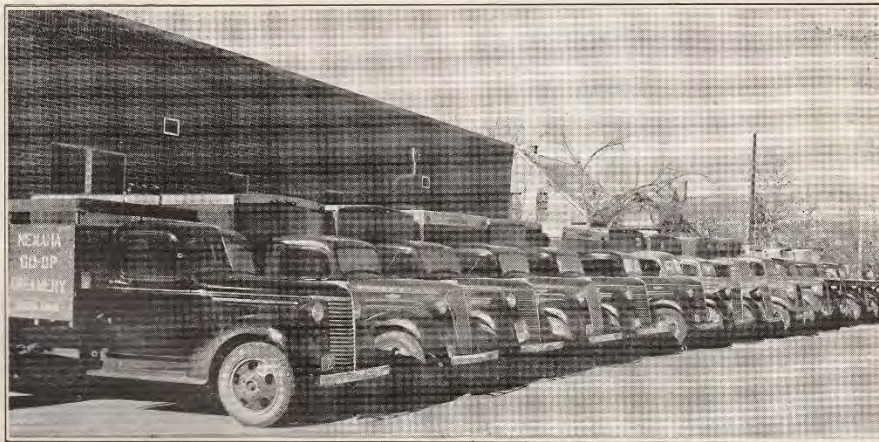
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NEMAHA COOPERATIVE CREAMERY CONTINUED



Map of area serviced by Nemaha CO. Cooperative Creamery

This map shows the territory from which the Nemaha CO. Cooperative's Creamery collected cream, bringing it back to the plant for butter making. The irregular line enclosed the area covered by the delivery trucks.



This fleet of trucks makes daily trips over the territory shown in the diagram above, to gather cream from each of the creamery's 2800 farmer patrons twice a week. The trucks are shown lined up along the east side of the factory building.

Nemaha CO. Cooperative Creamery Truck Fleet

This fleet of trucks made daily trips over the territory shown above to gather cream from each of the cooperative's 2,800 farmer patrons twice a week. The trucks are shown lined up along the east side of the factory building on Eighth Street in Sabetha, KS.

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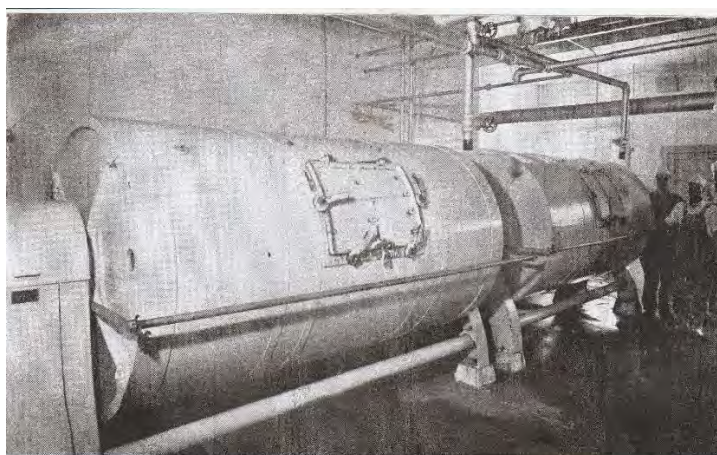
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NEMAHA COUNTY COOPERATIVE CREAMERY PART III



Above is an interior view of the Nemaha Cooperative Creamery, showing the giant 2,000 lb. capacity Vane churns responsible for producing over 3,000,000 lbs. of butter from 1935 to 1939

2,000 lb. Capacity
Vane churns.

Nemaha CO. Cooperative Creamery butter

BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM

by Roger Brown

The Bancroft Depot Museum has had a few changes take place in the last few months in the leadership positions. The new officers consist of the following: President Rodney Brown, Vice-President Francis Davis, Secretary-Treasurer Karen Niehues, Depot Liason Roger Brown. Board Members: Bob Davis, Bill Davis & Dustin Davis.



In the past year, the depot has had 45 visitors as far away as the states of New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia & California. The museum will continue to be open to the public on Sundays from June through August. The annual community picnic will continue next summer since we had such a great turn out again. The new officers and board members do not plan to make any dramatic changes in the near future. The wonderful leadership from past years has made a great pathway to follow, and we want to continue the great work that has been done by our past members.

HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT

Continued from front cover

N.C.H.S. believes leaving these two things open to fit with current project commitments will allow more G.C.'s an opportunity to confidently bid on the work. Based on what interested G.C.'s are saying, it would most likely be after the first of the year before the work would get started. An environmental study of the Temple building was completed on September 11, 2017 seeking traces of lead and asbestos.

Exterior Brick & Mortar Project: Miller & Heiman have been working since August 30th to repair the cracked brick and mortar on the Jail and Sheriff's Residence's exterior. This \$19,000 project is fully funded.

1859 WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PART XIII

As the roll call at the July 1859 Wyandotte Constitutional Convention continued their were seven members from Indiana and five from Kentucky who were undoubtedly loyal and must have garnered additional votes from states having smaller delegations. The other votes bear no apparent relation to the members that were present from the respective states. On the second ballot, Ohio received the majority of the votes cast, was made the basis for the action and copies of that constitution were printed and distributed to the members of the various committees. Many of the other constitutions were in the hands of the delegates, and sections peculiarly adopted to conditions in Kansas were appropriated from them. Among the constitutions mostly drawn from were the 1850 Michigan Constitution, the 1857 Iowa Constitution, the 1840 Wisconsin Constitution, the 1848 Illinois Constitution, 1851 Indiana Constitution, 1857 Minnesota Constitution, 1846 New York Constitution, the 1838 Pennsylvania Constitution, the 1850 Kentucky Constitution and the earlier Kansas Constitutions framed at Topeka, Leecompton and Leavenworth.

Brown CO. Genealogy Moment NO. 458

EVENING AT THE MUSEUM PRESENTS

To make up for all of those times we've said we were born too late or we waited too long stop now & take the time to enjoy this truly remarkable speaker, White Cloud, KS. native & U.S. Army Buffalo Soldier Louis Cruse at 7:00, Wed. evening, Oct. 25 at the Burger Annex I. Be smart & do not wait any longer to hear this eloquent, 90 plus year-old speaker as this is a once in a life time opportunity.

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- 6900 horsepower engine (doublesided) centennial Engine Cup; 2 Kansas Division Safety Award black colored cups.
- Tooth pick holder with tooth picks with U.P. Logo in Colorado locomotive.
- Railroad sign to denote which tank held fuel so that water would not be added to that particular tank.
- Large wooden homemade tool box, with various railroad tools inside.
- Large maps of Union Pacific Railroad location in United States.
- Cola can with nails marked with date of inspection of rails.
- Safety Department of Union Pacific issued pants leg ties.
- Handmade hook to open railroad hot gear box.
- White, amber, clear ashtrays with Union Pacific logo on them from 1971 passenger trains.
- Black locomotive banks with Union Pacific logo.
- Various images of Union Pacific trains.

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- Union Pacific annual wall calendars for 1964, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1089, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000 Holiday calendars & 2015.
 - Bates stampers with box of felt pads.
 - Lavatory faucet with three levers: hot, drain & cold.
 - 1984 coal stove bucket replaced a depot.
 - A railroad rail made into an anvil.
 - Beverage service ice tongs used on passenger train.
 - Union Pacific promotional novelties.
 - Union Pacific railroad switches.
 - Battery box for depot telephone.
 - Reverse lever fits on each train, each man has his own key.
 - Six piece wooden train set used for convention centerpieces.
 - Lock & Key of switch....Union Pacific CS-21 lock.
 - Damper to kill flames on candle or lamp.
 - Union Pacific orange plastic & aluminum lanterns.
 - Union Pacific Caller Books.
 - Union Pacific ten inch soldering iron.
 - Union Pacific spikes (one was in oak tie)
 - 1971 & 1990 Union Pacific drink glasses from passenger cars & company store, 3 glasses bought on outside; Norfolk Southern Railroad glasses. 2 Kansas Division Safety Awards, Pilsners beer glass, candy dish with U.P. Logo, crystal jewelry box from company store.
 - Lantern glass (CLP), Dining car glass salt & pepper shakers.
 - Metal railroad walking flag kit with strap.
 - Posting machine (ribbon stamping) for everything that came through th Union Pacific Depot.
 - Beveled & '5' type ends to railroad cross ties.
 - Fort Riley railroad nails used to hold equipment on trains.
 - Union Pacific ticket hanger.
 - Hanging flag kit for torpedoes, flags & fuses.
 - Hinge hasps to move locomotive.
 - Small service bell from Union Pacific depot in Seneca.
- Union Pacific Train: Jupiter 60 mail & passenger cars, engine & caboose; Four parts.
- 6 inch Cut-Out Rail to stop and repair train track by section crew; Dutchman Rail, Union Pacific; In railroading, a dutchman is colloquially a short air brake extension hose {8} or a temporary rail repair. {9} A rail repair dutchman is typically a 4-6 inch (100-160 mm) long piece of rail that is cut in advance for the purpose & carried by a section crew. If the gang finds a rail with a chipped or broken end, they remove the connector plates (fishplates), cut out the damaged section, replace it with the dutchman and bolt the connectors back in place. This is often only a temporary repair. When welding rails together using the Thermite process began at the start of the 20th century, a section of railhead approximately 3/4 inch (19 mm) long, also called a

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First United Methodist Church 1902

last time the church leaders made peace with the prevailing winds of the Kansas prairie and it was not replaced. A dome of this size is unique to this part of the state and a noteworthy architectural feature that adds both beauty and integrity to the downtown Sabetha cityscape.

Parts of this came from the Centennial book of the Sabetha Methodist Episcopal Church 1868 to 1968. Published by the Centennial Committee: Chairman Mrs. Don Wenger with Mrs. Loren Lancaster, William Deaver, Gerald Baker, Paul Spring and Fred Thiemann.

Since the first church was built and to the present, all of the Methodist churches have been located in Sabetha at the southeast corner of Eighth and Main Streets. The original church building was a wood frame structure that had been enlarged in 1994, however a fire on April 23, 1902 that had already consumed part of the 800 block of the north side of Main Street had spread far enough eastward to destroy the wood church. Replacing it in that same year was a red brick structure with a dome and a steeple on top. The steeple, or spire shown in the first picture above had a difficult time maintaining that lofty position atop the dome and had been blown down more than once and after the



Present First United Methodist Church shown with dome only.

CENTRAL BRANCH NOTES 1898 ATCHISON GLOBE

Robert Armstrong, a wealthy Central Branch stockman, bought 225 head of Colorado cattle a few months ago, and shipped them to Vermillion for the purpose of fattening them for market. The cattle were accustomed to grazing and regarded the corn given to them with a careless indifference which shocked Mr. Armstrong. The cattle did not eat the corn until they were at the point of starvation, and the experience will cost Mr. Armstrong about a thousand dollars. He advises others not to buy Colorado cattle to fatten for the market. Several persons who bought cattle from Texas and Oklahoma say the animals did not fatten well on corn, and the fortune they expected did not materialize....A Globe solicitor not only failed to run when he saw a Kickapoo Indian at Netawaka yesterday, but walked up to him, and took his subscription for six months, and he paid in advance....L. M. Neil, who used to live in Atchison, is now traveling for the Huttig Moss Manufacturing Co., of St. Joe, devoting most of his time to the Central Branch.

....Fred Els, Wm. Chesler and E. B. Rust of Netawaka, will soon move to Oklahoma. Rust is a well known liveryman. He has sold out to F. W. Tanner and Charley McKee, of the Missouri Pacific bridge and building department, are making a trip on the Central Branch....It is understood that a new bank is soon to be opened in Vliets. There is no bank at Netawaka, where there is an excellent opening for such an institution.

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CENTRAL BRANCH NOTES (CONTINUED)

....Sam Halderman, who runs the Netawaka Herald, makes money, although Netawaka is a town of only 300 people. He recently paid off a mortgage, and there is an air of prosperity about his establishment. A man who can make a country paper pay in a town of 300, is greater than McKinley....The Central Branch is gradually increasing in importance as a stock raising country. There are herds of cattle on every hand, and a well informed cattle man says they pay well.

....The farmers say that never in the story of the country has the snow covered the Central Branch country so long and so thoroughly as this winter. They are banking on a big wheat crop, and say another snow would do no harm. There is a white blanket over the entire road....O. F. Berney has given up the farm which he has been renting near Monrovia, and will move to Atchison for the present. He is thinking of locating in Oklahoma.

Netawaka takes pride in a one-armed barber....O. C. Williamson, editor of the Goffs Advance, would have been elected register of deeds by a majority in Nemaha County at the late election, if he had not been off-set by a one-armed opponent....A. Cockrell, who was a hardware merchant at Soldier, Kansas, for many years, is now the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Goffs. He is alright; he laughs at weather jokes.

....J. K. Huey has left the Commercial Hotel at Wetmore, and will open another hotel....O. C. Overman, a nurseryman who has been traveling on the Central Branch for several years, has decided to establish a nursery at Atchison in the spring, and go into the nursery business extensively. He intends to purchase the Frame place. Mr. Overman says fruit raising is largely on the increase on the Central Branch, and Atchison is the natural location for an extensive nursery. Overman is an expert at the business. He recently sold \$700 worth of fruit trees at Corning, the biggest order of the kind in the history of the town. The farmers are prosperous, and are investing largely in fruit trees....Frank Hartman, editor of the Centralia Journal, found no trouble in being elected clerk of Nemaha County....It is said that the Seneca News, Populist, is about to turn Republican....P.P. Bliss, who used to run the Frankfort Bee, is now a job printer at Frankfort.

....Burt Rucker and Dr. L. A. Corwin will erect business buildings at Goffs in the spring....It was so cold in a Central Branch hotel recently that a Globe representative had to sleep with his cap pulled down over his ears....Chap Rust, who used to live in Atchison, is now a successful business man at Goffs....A recent issue of the Kansas City Times quoted Rev. E. L. Thomas, who lives in Wetmore, as saying that there had been two attempts made to mob him because of his stand against liquor. The statement is alleged to have been made at a meeting of the State Temperance union at Topeka. Several citizens of Wetmore, Judge Campbell among them, are talking of getting affidavits from business men stating that no attempts have ever been made to mob Rev. Thomas. Rev. Thomas is the pastor of the Methodist Church at Wetmore. Another liquor war may grow out of the incident....John Bristow, of the Wetmore Spectator, is holding 8,000 bushels of corn for higher prices....Cawood Bros. have built a new ice house at Wetmore.

This came to me from Ruth Tennal of Sabetha, who has also contributed before and found this article among her Grandmother Margie Webb Tennal's things. Margie was the society columnist at the Atchison Globe in the 1880's and this is where she met and later married Ralph Tennal, born in Leavenworth on Feb. 7, 1872, who was the reporter for the police beat. Margie, born on May 6, 1870 in Owatonna, Wisconsin was the third daughter born to Wm. Dean & Fannie Perkins Webb, who were natives of New York. After their marriage, Ralph & Margie came to Sabetha in 1905 and purchased the Herald-Republican from J. A. Constant, who was the maternal grandfather of Sabethan Ivan Roberts.

The actual date when work began on research for the publication of The History of Nemaha CO., KS. is not really known. Published in 1916, this monumental piece of history of 816 pages by Ralph Tennal was a concerted effort of his and Margie for which we are greatly indebted. In his foreword, Mr. Tennal wrote, "Were in not for the faithful and unremitting labors of Mrs. Tennal he feared the task would not have been accomplished."

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Minutes of the First Organizational Meeting

The first organizational meeting of the Nemaha County Cooperative Creamery was called to order on Jan. 28, 1926 at the Lanning Hotel in Sabetha, KS. by A. F. McClanahan. It was moved by Drex Burke and seconded by E. F. Ukele that John C. Lanning act as secretary of this meeting, and the motion was carried.

A letter written by Mr. Meierkord from Lynn, KS. on cooperative creameries was read by J. C. Lanning.

Then a talk was given by County Farm Agent Mr. Biske on Dairying, followed by talks given by E. H. Steiner, Messrs. Edwards, Ukele, Conrad, Sewell and C. E. Norrie.

It was moved by Sewell and seconded by Woodbury that the chairman appoint a committee to solicit capital stock money, and make a survey of the number of cows in this county.

It was moved by Conrad and seconded by Sewell that the capital stock of this company shall be \$25,000.00, which carried. It was moved by Conrad and seconded by Moulton that the shares shall be \$50.00 each, which carried. Moved by Ukele and seconded by Lortscher that the shares of stock bear 8% interest which did not carry. It was moved by Ott and seconded by Burke that the shares of stock bear 7% interest which carried. It was moved by Collins and seconded by Ukele that the chairman appoint a committee to draft a constitution and by laws, do any other work that may seem necessary, and present the same at next meeting which carried.

Present at this meeting were: Arthur J. Collins, Edward T. Ukele, Glen R. Sewell, Adolph Lortscher. C. W. Edwards, Drex Burke, Clarence E. Norrie, Emil R. Burke, Solomon R. Myers, Joseph W. Rochel, H. S. Moulton, George Althouse, Edward B. Strahm., Merlin Myers (Fairview), Edward H. Steiner, Fred Deaver, Jacob Alberle, Burton W. Conrad, William R. Brammer, F. C. Woodbury, William E. Johnson, Charles Ott, Mr. Biske, Jacob Wittwer & John C. Lanning. *By J. C. Lanning, Secretary*

The first one to sign on the dotted line in buying stock was Jacob Alberle of Sabetha. Mr. Ernest Gerber, W. Henry Moore and Oral A. Bloom all of Oneida of which the last two were the largest stock holders each paying \$300.00 for 15 shares. The first money paid in was by Mrs. Mary Reed of Morrill, who on Sept. 16, 1929, issued a check for \$15.00 in favor of the new cooperative creamery association. The first cans of cream were delivered by Henry McFall of Oneida on the 9th while the opening day was Mar. 10, 1930.

Approximately 140 patrons were signed up when they decided to start business, and by the end of 1939 they had 2,800 active patrons. Statistics began to tell the story of the association's growth during its first ten years of operation, yet at the beginning it was the Board's aim to enlarge its patronage. Many times delegations of farmers had asked that the routes be extended, but management had turned them down because it felt that there would be a natural increase in volume among its existing patrons from year to year.

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During the first ten years of business several additions had been made to the plant and additional machinery installed, such as the two Vane churns, each with a churning capacity over 2,000 pounds of butter, and the erection of a can storage building measuring 46' by 80' was completed in the spring of 1939. The creamery association owned and operated six trucks, collecting about half the cream; the balance was obtained by individual drivers. Back in 1938, the average cost of collecting all butterfat was #1.07 per 100 lbs. butter and in 1939 it was \$1.01 or practically one cent a pound.

The cream received is of good quality. Having had its beginning on the farm, the rigid insistence of maintaining quality cream was followed up by their continuous publicity which enlisted the personal interest of their patrons. The struggle for quality cream had brought about family pride among the farmers. If cream was not up to standard, a blue tag, stating the reason why the cream was not NO. 1 grade, was fastened to the can. If the next can of the cream sent in was of low quality also, a red tag was placed on the can. This No. 2 butterfat was paid for at three cents less than first grade.

During 1939, 33,000 lbs. of butterfat, or about 1%, was paid for with a lower price, which showed that the patrons had responded readily to the quality program. They realized that the obligation they had, as this butter came in direct competition with butter made in states having better climatic conditions than Kansas

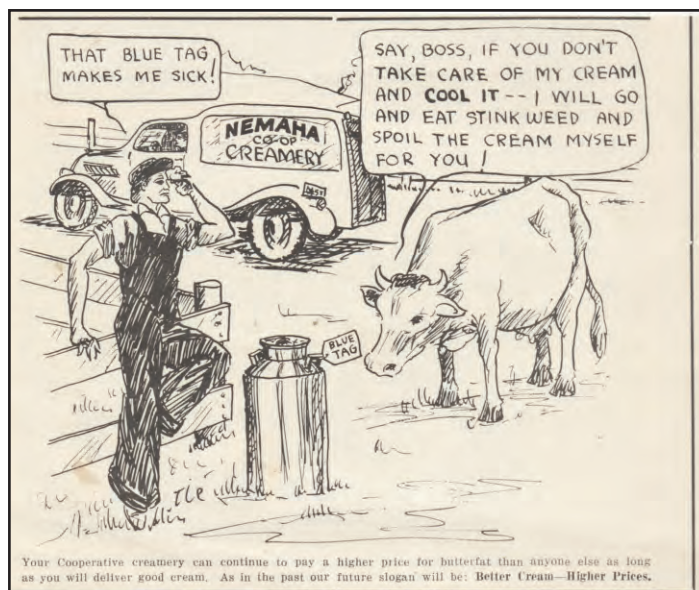
Most of the butter was put up here at the creamery in quarter-pound prints under the Hotel Bar Brand, it was shipped to and distributed by Frederick F. Lowenfels & Son in New York. During 1939, over 2,500,000 lbs., or 70%, of the butter made was printed in the creamery; the balance was sold in tubs, most of this tub butter being packed during the flush season. The unlimited market for Hotel Bar Brand of butter made at Sabetha had been greatly expanded by radio and other mediums of advertising by the Lowenfels firm, but credit for its success must also be given to the high uniform quality which is necessary when butter under a trade name is sold to the public.

The success of a cooperative creamery depends a great deal upon its ability to pay a high price for butterfat, and its

ability to pay that higher price depends to a large degree upon the quality of product in order that it may secure a permanent and sufficiently high market. They had that in their outlet with the Hotel Bar Brand. During the creamery association's existence, it had been met with more or less competition from the centralizers. Prices had been boosted up in their territory only to be tapered off to lower prevailing prices 20 or 39 miles away from Sabetha. Because of unimpeachable integrity of policy all up and down the line, with considerable readiness to show fight if challenged, the creamery organization and patrons had become cemented in a common loyalty unshaken by competitive tactics; and therefore in those years past, while manufacturing the butterfat into a finished product, sold under an identified brand name, very little effort had been made to block the farmer's cooperative movement.

It was estimated that the net return to the patrons, including the annual dividends, averaged about five cents above station prices for butterfat. During those first ten years, there patrons had thusly received a sum amounting to approximately \$600,000.00, besides having increased the assets of the association to over \$50,000.00.

The State Board of Agriculture, the extension department of the State Agricultural College and the local county agents have in many material ways assisted the creamery association in quality improvement and in developing better feeding,



breeding and the care of the dairy herds among their patrons.

A great deal of credit for the success and low operating cost of the creamery association was given to the most loyal and faithful employees who, without any financial investment of their own, not only showed an admirable willingness to render any service possible to the patrons but also take personal pride in performing their individual duties both inside and outside the plant in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

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Emmanuel Organ was another Black cowboy legend. He was famous as a cowboy in Texas. Organ was born in Tennessee in 1848, a slave. He moved to Texas with his owner in 1853, as many slaves who became cowboys did. Organ was famous for riding wild horses and punch (unbroken) cattle. He survived the vigorous rough life of a cowboy well. Though Organ could not read or write, he knew every stream between Texas, Colorado and the Snake River Country. This was important knowledge for a cowboy because routes were based on water availability. Organ rode horses until about six months before he died, at the age of 90 (Katz 90).

Though Black presence as cowboys in the West is not challenged today due to the many examples, Black cowboys are often restricted to the role of cook. However, this too is a myth. The belief that all Black cowboys were merely cooks is not only false in the sense of opportunity, it is false in the sense that it portrays the Black cowboy as poor. Daniel Webster "80 John" Wallace in Texas and James Edwards in Wyoming were Black cowboys who became wealthy. These men rose from the ranks of cowboys to cattlemen, owning 10,000 acre ranches in their home states by 1910 (Taylor 105).

One of the most famous and legendary cowboys was Bill Pickett, also known as the Dusky Demon. He was born in 1880, and became a rodeo star, giving himself his own nickname. He was killed in a corral accident in 1940. Pickett was a highly known, respected, and successful Black cowboy

whose feats were so noticed that he has a national rodeo event named after him and was placed in the rodeo hall of fame in 1971 (Deadwood Dick 31). However, despite all this, Pickett was a legend who is not mentioned in history.

Bill Pickett became a cowboy as a young lad. He invented the maneuver known today as bulldogging. "Pickett would leap from his horse onto the horns of the steer. Reaching around, he would bite on the lip of the steer which pacified the one ton wild animal" (Deadwood Dick 31). With the animal pacified, Pickett could wrestle it to the ground so it could be branded. This move, which is used in a rodeo event called bulldogging, is copied by some rodeo entertainers today. Pickett learned this trick watching bulldogs as a boy. He also worked for the 101 Ranch (Katz 160). Western star Tom Mix and humorist Will Rogers got their start working as assistants to Bill Pickett. There is a rodeo named in honor of Pickett's life as a legendary rodeo cowboy. The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo Championship, held in Denver each year (Deadwood Dick 31). When Pickett died, at age 71, he was the owner of a 160 acre ranch in Oklahoma (Katz 161).

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Annual Meeting & Reorganization

Plans Developed for 2018

The Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc. closed out the past year and prepared for the year to come at the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2018. Ken Bauman, retired U.P. Depot agent, gave an interesting and entertaining talk about the history of railroads in Nemaha CO. After visitors and new members were treated to a tour coordinated by Marlene Geyser of the updated Annex II exhibits, a short business meeting was held. The membership elected five directors: Alma Ackerman (Position 11), Raymond Thieme (Position 5), Roger Brown (Position 9), Karen Holthaus (Position 3), Cathy Holthaus (Position 2).

The board addressed and approved recommendations to change Article VI of the By-Laws in reference to membership dues as follows: Section 1: Take out the specific amount listed; Section 2: Drop "Life Membership", effective Jan. 1, 2019; Section 3: Correct wording so that dues are paid by Dec. 31 to remain on membership rolls after Jan. 1st of next year; Section 4: Change to read that members can be reinstated by paying dues for the current year; Section 5: Add the option to memorialize or recognize a special person with a \$50 minimum donation to put name on wall plaque.

A museum consortium of representatives from 12 communities within Nemaha CO. is being formed to work together to save historical artifacts, archives & buildings across the county. Two meetings have been held & plans are being developed to meet every other month.

The N.C.H.S. board kicked off the new year at the reorganizational meeting, which was held on Mar. 13, 2018. Debbie & Rick Slater of Wichita, chairs of the 2018 Golf Classic Military Museum fundraiser, were in attendance. Detailed plans for the April 29th event were developed. Teams will register at 9:00 a.m. at the Spring Creek Golf Course in Seneca & the shotgun start will commence at 10 o'clock. The \$200 team registration fee includes green fees, golf cart, entry package and barbecue lunch. Mulligans will be available. Teams may pay on site, or by sending fees un advance to P.O. Box 41, 113 N. Sixth St., Seneca, KS. 66538.

The board elected the following officers for the 2018 year: Anita Heiman, President; Karen Holthaus, Vice-President; Patty Byers, Secretary & Ray Thieme, Treasurer. Staff appointments were made by the president & a yearlong schedule of events developed which included a Museum Open House on June 9th at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ice cream floats will be sold from the front porch of the Sheriff's Residence.

A LETTER TO THE MUSEUM By John Vorhes

I read in the Pioneer Press Newsletter about Mary Steinlage's passing. 94 and still doing her research. Wow! She made a wonderful memory of Seneca for me, inviting me to a family party. We brought the model of Kelly and she autographed her book. She was so proud of her heritage and so energetic. I saw her plain speaking and good humor as real pioneering character. A real Kansan, I'm very happy I knew her. My condolences to all at N.C.H.S. & her family. --JV

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BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM BEGINS 2018

Reported by Roger Brown

Francis Davis was able to acquire a very generous donation from the Carson Trust, which will allow the younger people on the board to try out their carpentering skills this spring & put a new roof on the depot. Francis also put some of the Christmas lights up during the season for all to enjoy,

The museum was also the recipient of a medical bag which belonged to Dr. Elmer E. Hinton, who was a distinguished W.W. II veteran, & Chief of Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Dr. Hinton is the uncle of B.P.A. Member Eileen Porter, who is the granddaughter of life long residents Tom & Helen Reed. We want to thank her so much for her donation, & the background story that ties the bag to the Bancroft community.

A couple other news items sent to Karen are as follows: The following went on a Mystery Bus Tour June 19-23, 2017, Cletamae Brown of Holton, Joyce Jenkins of Topeka & Lucylle Cannon. They ended up in Peoria, IL. Joyce got to visit her family and Lucylle got to visit two granddaughters & three great grandchildren. Also Lucylle reported that Eldon "Bud" Stoldt, so of the late Galen & Alice Stoldt, has Parkinson's disease & moved closer to his daughter. He would enjoy hearing from others. His address is: Eldon D. Stoldt, 708 Shrewsbury Place, Plano, TX. 75074-0138. Lucylle also reports that Alice (McKee) Johnson (98 years) of Shibley,

IA. died July 5, 2017. Alice graduated from Goff with the class of 1937. Her late husband, Melvin Johnson graduated from Goff in 1938.

The summer picnic I understand is normally planned for the 4th Sunday in June, & as I look ahead to the June calendar it looks like the date will be June 24th with the meeting & meal to start at 5:00 p.m. Hopefully the homemade ice cream will still be in attendance, last summer's treats were sure amazing.

Once again, a huge thank you to all the hard work that has went into the Depot project. I am sure those of you who have put many hours of work into the town project are very proud of your accomplishments for all of us to be able to share in the event.

Our opening day will not be until after the picnic, which is June 24 at 5 p.m. This will be when we will ask for volunteers to man the depot. Appointments can be made by calling 785-866-5288 or Rodney Brown at 785-851-9530. Davis Auto Clinic as this is still a contact source if you need anything that pertains to Bancroft. Francis & Grandson Dustin are still in charge & going strong

Lastly, I would like to put Pres. Rodney Brown's e-mail address out there if anyone needs to get in touch with him it is Brownfarms86@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

N.C.H.S. will participate in the Seneca City Wide Garage sale on Friday, June 1st & Saturday, 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 113 North Sixth Street. Coffee & cinnamon rolls will be available on both days. It is a good opportunity to make a donation. NCHS is developing this fundraiser by accepting garage sale items of furniture, glass ware, clothing, home & seasonal decorations, throw pillows & baskets. Call the museum at 785-336-6366 & leave a message, or for a pick-up of any items in the Western part of the county call Anita Heiman at 785-556-4094 & in the eastern part of the county call Greg Newlin at 785-547-6275.

MUSEUM FUNDRAISERS PLANNED

Museum open house—June 9, 2018

What originally began as our own Open House, has been expanded to include all five of the museums in Seneca, so save Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as a day to explore the history of Nemaha County through free tours at these museums in Seneca.

Pony Express, Fire Department, Military, Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence, Hand Dug Well

At any of the museums, you'll receive a free passport that will enable you to collect stamps from each museum you tour that will go toward your entry to win prizes donated by the Seneca's Business Community. You need to visit just any two of the five museums to qualify for the drawing. These passports will be available that day only at all of the above locations.

Golf Classic - Sunday, April 29, 2018

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NEMAHA COUNTY CHURCH ARCHITECTURE PART IV

BERN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Construction was started in the Spring of 1970 for the new church pictured left which was located directly behind the old wood frame church on the northeast corner of Washington Township's 200th Street & 'R' Road. A building committee of church members had been formed in the late 1960's and consisted of the following members: Chairman Ben Leuthold, Leonard Baumgartner, Joe Rokey, Emil Strahm and Ephraim Strahm. A finance committee was also formed which was composed of Noah Edelman, Pete Essingler and Reuben Moser.

Tri-State Builders of Hudson, Iowa was hired as the General Contractor for this project. Lyman J. Bemus, owner and developer of Tri-State Builders, had constructed a number of churches in Iowa, including the West Bend, Iowa Apostolic Christian Church.

The company assigned one of their project managers to be on site for the initial phase of construction, who coordinated all the local contracts for the various trades. Chairman of the Building Committee Ben Leuthold then scheduled the many local volunteers to spend many hours of labor on this modern style building typical of the late 1960's & early 1970's which was completed in early 1972.

Most information provided by Sabethan John Lehman

THE BERN GAZETTE

April 14 – Aug. 4, 1905

By Editor Fred W. Lehman

April 14, 1905

James P. TAYLOR Dead

Death claimed James P. TAYLOR last Saturday morning. He had struggled with physical ailments for over two years. James P. TAYLOR was born Sept. 23, 1833, in Cole County, Illinois and grew to manhood in that and Pike County. In 1856 he was united in marriage, in McDonald County, Illinois, to Mary L. COX, who survives him. Of this union there survive the following children: Mrs. A.F. CAMPBELL, who resides near Centralia, Mrs. E.M. COLLINS and Mrs. J.E. STILLWELL, both of this city, Miss Dora TAYLOR cashier of the Seneca State Savings Bank and Guy O. TAYLOR, who is employed in the pension office in Topeka. All these were home during the last illness and at the funeral. Mr. TAYLOR and family came to Seneca in 1861. He spent 1862 and 1863 on the Pacific coast, returning and residing here continually since. He studied law in Macomb, Illinois and was admitted to the Kansas bar shortly after coming here, being one of the first lawyers in the county. Two brothers and three sisters, all residents of this county, survive him: J.E. TAYLOR of Seneca, John M. TAYLOR, of Centralia, Mrs. T.M. Sneed, residing north of Seneca, Mrs. W.H. WRIGHT, of Oneida, Miss Ellen TAYLOR of Bern. The funeral was held from the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. - Seneca Courier

#Nemaha Valley Items

Mr. Bert EATON and children and Mrs. Tom GELLATLY and daughter visited with relatives in Salem, Nebraska.

#Dist. NO. 84

John ROE is visiting his sister, Mrs. ROLAND. Leah SPRINGS spending time with her sister, Mrs. LORTSCHER.

Apr. 21, 1905 A pretty event of mid-day on Wednesday in Slipperyrock township was the marriage of Miss Hannah S. DOEBLER and Leroy FUNKHOUSER, of the same township. The wedding took place at the bride's parents, at 12 o'clock, noon. The Rev. R.F. BOETHELT, pastor of the German Lutheran Church of the city, performed the ceremony and was assisted by Rev. ACHESON, of the Center U.P. Church. Miss Margaret MOORE, of this city, niece of the groom, was maid of honor, Miss Julia CLARK of this city, bridesmaid; Conrad FUNKHOUSER, brother of the groom, best man, and Joseph McCLAREN, of Shenango Township, groomsman.

The above was taken from a Pennsylvania paper. The bride is better known here as Nora DOEBLER.

Mr. F.A. FORD and family spent Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. SCHUTE.

M/M E.B. MOORE visiting their relatives in Oneida.

Fred BEHRNES sold his residence in the west part of Bern to Jacob MEISNER, Jr. this week.

Floren NUSBAUM returned from Horton, where he had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Tom COFFMAN.

Misses Augusta and Matilda BUTTNER returned from Lanham, Nebr., where they have been attending school and staying with their sister.

Mrs. John A. MINGER and Dorothy went to Steinauer, Nebr., Tuesday to attend the funeral of their uncle Mr. STEINER.

#Nemaha Valley Items

Mr. BEHRNES, of Powhattan, is spending the week with his son, Henry.

M/M John HAFNER parents of baby girl born April 13.

Jake GELLATLY, wife and baby of Salem visiting their parents, M/M Tom GELLATLY.

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NEMAHA COUNTY COOPERATIVE CREAMERY PART IV Compiled by Greg Newlin



**President
J.S. Anderson**
Oneida, KS.



P.D. Turner
General Manager



Phil Metzger
Territory
Superintendent



Weldon Kendall
Butter Plant
Superintendent

At a time when a controlled economy, alphabetical agencies, parity prices and subsidy payments were offered as the solution to the farmer's problems, it seemed fitting for the Nemaha Cooperative Creamery Association of Sabetha, Kansas after 20 years in business to boast that they had become the largest and most successful cooperative creamery in the world gathering all of its butterfat directly from the member's farms. They had the vision, foresight, courage and will power to establish this organization.

It was in the 1950 corporate report printed for its members and the general public, that Nemaha CO. Cooperative Creamery President J.S. Anderson of Oneida, Kansas stated that within the first 20 years they had become the world's largest because of the personal sacrifices in time and money made by the board of directors, the members and friends of the association. All of this being done in the spirit of cooperation, with the knowledge that a better market for member's dairy products was being established. On behalf of the duly elected board of directors, most of which were still the original group combined with the nearly 4,000 members. Proud of this group, Anderson stated that the organization was owned 100% by its members and in those 20 years had accrued nearly a million dollars in assets debt free, and during these two decades a profit between 5 and 8 cents more for their butterfat had been achieved which justified their loyalty to the association and the feeling of pride in its progress.

The future back then looked bright as the organization was in the best position to serve its members of any time in the previous 20 years. The facilities were as such that they could manufacture a wide variety of finished dairy products going into any one of the several or several at the same time depending on the current market at that time that would bring the best returns for the member's butterfat. The physical equipment had been consistently maintained through repair, replacement and increased.

Their financial position was good primarily because of the method of financing adopted in the past where-

by the members supplied the operating capital on the basis of butterfat marketed through the association had proved to be most equitable and satisfactory.

Initially as you recall back in Pioneer Press Vol. 35, Issue 3, the creamery had begun purely to collect cream toward the manufacturing of butter. They soon realized that there was another product they could market, and it was toward the end of this 20-year span that the facility expanded to also include a milk plant.

The operating personnel of the association were efficient and well trained, with good organization and cooperation prevailing throughout the various departments which were led by well trained and competent department managers and superintendents under the direction of the general manager.

Mr. Turner's years in the dairy industry had paralleled the existence of the Association. His career began with one of the major dairy organizations of the country just three months before the Nemaha County Cooperative Creamery Association opened for business. Mr. Turner brought a wealth of valuable experience, gained by his many years in the industry, to the Association when he was made general manager in July 1948.

Under his direction, the plant experienced its greatest expansion and diversification. From principally butter, with some cheese, to one of the most modern plants in the country. Along with the physical expansion of the plant there has been developed a group of exceptionally good sales outlets for the vast quantities of powdered milk, sweet cream, condensed milk, ice milk, ice cream, ice cream mix, butter, buttermilk, cottage cheese and grade A bottled milk.

Territory Superintendent Phil Metzger's service to the Association began in January 1933 when he purchased a cream truck and started hauling cream for ten producers in a new territory. Mr. Metzger continued to haul cream for a period of twelve years. In 1945 Mr. Metzger was selected to fill the position as field man to supervise the procurement of the milk and cream and served in that capacity starting in 1950.
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Weldon Kendall

**Butter Plant
Superintendent**

Mr. Kendall began his service to the Association in August of 1939 as a can washer in the butter department. During the following years, Mr. Kendall worked in the various jobs in this department and became skilled in the intricate art of butter manufacturing. In 1945 he was appointed superintendent of the butter department.

The favorable prices Sweet Clover butter has always merited in the most discriminating outlets and the national recognition it has attained was a tribute to Mr. Kendall and the people employed in his department.



This photo shows the receiving facilities of the butter plant which is the oldest department of the Association. This shows cream being weighed and sampled then dumped into holding vats where it will later be pasteurized and churned into high quality Sweet Clover brand butter.

Initially for many years the Butter Department employees removed the butter from the 1,600 lb. capacity churns by hand and wrapped and packaged all of the butter manually. Later a machine called a butter printer streamlined this operation by taking the butter directly from the churn which formed and wrapped it in quarter pound bars at the rate of 900 lbs. per hour. Butter Dept. employees in 1950 were Ralph Jackson, Don Hughes, Neal Sawyer, Jack Jones, Ronnie Strader, Charles Harold, John Troxell, Ralph Bell, Leon Frey, Norman Schmitt, Ernest Grimm, Jr., Dale Kyle, Ross Frey and Galdys Leuthold.

EARLY TRUCK DRIVERS

<u>Route NO.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>
3-39-40	Paul Bechtelheimer, Sabetha
5-29-31	Wilbur Kyle, Sabetha
2- 8-24	Dale Gaston, Morrill
1-26-27	Victor Bailey, Sabetha
14-32-34	Herman Zwahl, Jr., Sabetha
35-36-37	Harold D. Parman, Fairview
10-11-13	Melvin Brunner, Sabetha

<u>Route NO.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>
Bulk A	Jack Stapleton, Sabetha
Bulk B	Merle Mosiman, Sabetha
Bulk C	Raymond Randolph, Sabetha
Bulk D	Clyde Krebs, Sabetha
A	John Leuthold, Oneida

B	Carl Kohake, Sabetha
C	Robert McGuire, Morrill
D	Melvin Brunner, Sabetha
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F	Gerald Rison, Sabetha
H	Leo Banaka, Fairview
J	Marvin Beightel, Sabetha
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**Melvin Harold
Superintendent of
Milk Department**



Mr. Harold was went to work in the been in the milk following years Mr. pan-operator and other

In July of 1953, Mr. the time Melvin started

milk trucks and received 14,000 pounds of milk daily. Later the dept. had over 30 employees, required the use of 26 trucks to pick up the milk and received more than 300,000 pounds of milk daily.

Some of the early Milk Dept. employees were Vaden Allen, Larry Parli, Jerry Allen, Richard Hittle, Gerald Skoch, Ernie Hoppe, Walter Middendorf, Charles Johnstone, Gary Feldkamp, Ralph Hamilton, Robert Heideman, Max Allen, Glen Bien, George Bien and Jerome Allen. In the milk bottling department were the following employees: H.G. Blough, Jr., Louis Hoppe, Frea Grimm, Harold Kendall, Norman Thomas, Harry Goodman, James Blough, Larry Goens, Albert Goodman, Marion Marmet, Wilfred Christman, Mildred Goens, Velma Showalter and Mary Long.

A few years later, the bottling process went from glass to cartons. That machine coated the exterior of the carton with a hot wax then filled the half gallons, quarts or half pints carton with Grade A milk, skim milk, whipping cream, half & half, buttermilk, chocolate milk, orange drink and egg- nog.

In another part of the Milk Department were two ice cream freezers and each could produce 160 gallons in an hour. For as long as I can remember, they only made Moon Glow Vanilla Ice Cream, which for me, who likes vanilla was very good and much like what French vanilla taste like today.

employed by the Association in October of 1945 when he receiving room as a milk sampler. The Ass'n. had already business only a few months at that time. During the Harold was employed as a pasteurizer, cheese maker, positions in the milk department.

Harold became Superintendent of the Milk Department. At to work, that department had less than ten employees, 3

Maintenance Department

The part played by the maintenance department in the processing of dairy products is often overlooked. It is a tremendous job to keep the buildings and equipment in good repair and supply refrigeration and steam for the processing departments. All five of the gas powered 500 horse power boilers together had a total capacity of 1200 horse power. The boilers furnished a vast amount of the steam used in the processing of Sweet Clover brand dairy products. In a single month, the amount of natural gas used by the Creamery Association would heat the average home in the mid 1940's for 24 years.

Jim Reel, Maintenance Superintendent began his employment with the Association in 1946 when he started to work as a mechanic in the Maintenance Department. In June 1953, he became Maintenance Superintendent. Since his employment Mr. Reel has assisted in the building of the milk plant in 1947 and the addition to it completed in 1956. The maintenance department is responsible for the maintenance and care of the buildings, machinery and equipment, the value of which is well over a million dollars. Maintenance employees were Elmer Hartman, Larry Rokey, Mike Banks, Vincent Dalsing and Kenneth Yoesel.

Office Manager

Mr. George Marti served as office manager for the Association until May 1956. His extensive training in the field of accounting enabled him to supervise the office and keep the records necessary for the organization. In addition to the many producer checks and customer invoices handled by this office, a large number of government statistical and various tax reports were processed under Mr. Marti's competent supervision.



**Jim Peel
Maintenance Superintendent**



**George Marti
Office Manager**

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WESTERN PIONEER WOMEN PART I

Life in the early 1800's was brutally hard, for men and women, both in the settlements and in the wilderness. In those times, on average, the life expectancy of a woman was between 25 & 30 years old and a man could live five years longer, or up to 35.

Women of European descent are almost unknown in the fur trade. A very tiny number of such women, the wives of managers for either the Hudson's Bay Company, or the Northwest Company did accompany their husbands to remote forts and posts. These women couldn't and weren't allowed to fit into society and human culture of these posts. Because of this these women, known as "Tender Exotics," generally didn't last long before developing mental health problems and, or returning to England or the eastern Atlantic sea coast cities. Most of the problems encountered by these women had their roots in the class-conscious nature of British society of the time. The wife of a fur company manager was expected to associate only with other women of her class. In the remote posts, there would be no-one else at that level, and it wasn't proper or allowable for her to associate with Indian or half-breed women, even if by some remote chance she was even able to communicate with them. Also, as a manager's wife, there were probably servants (the same Indian or half-breed women with whom she couldn't associate) to take care of the domestic tasks about the house. Thus, she had very little purpose with the exception of being there for her husband. She would have very few opportunities for usefully occupying her days or for socializing outside her family. And finally, as a manager, her husband would have been required to travel and be gone at times, perhaps as long as several months at a stretch. It is no wonder that under such conditions of isolation, loneliness, and lack of purpose that few women remained at the posts for more than a year, and others developed mental health problems before leaving. Wilderness conditions and societal demands together created an environment in which the "Tender Exotics" simply could not survive.

On the northern plains, and Rocky Mountain regions, the role of the Indian women in the affairs of the tribe was as the authority in domestic matters with primary responsibilities for housekeeping. From the European perspective this role in many ways had a greater resemblance to slave than partner. The women were responsible for child rearing, cooking, butchering, preparing hides, skins and robes, gathering firewood, preserving foods, all aspects of agriculture (if any) making and mending clothing and moccasins, constructing the lodge and most aspects of establishing and raising camp. Tanning and preparing buffalo robes was very labor intensive, and an ambitious man wishing to increase his wealth might have multiple wives to increase robe production.

Women were often treated as property, more or less. A suitor for marriage would have to provide the woman's father (eldest brother in the event that the father was deceased) with a horse, guns, blankets, kettles, etc. in exchange for the woman. The bride's price being determined in part on the value placed by the father of the loss of the woman's productivity and work around the lodge.

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MILITARY MUSEUM RESTORATION UPDATE

The Restoration Project at the Military Museum went into full gear on April 16th as the General Contractor began waterproofing the building's foundation. If warmer weather arrives, the sealed walls, underground drains and sump-pump should be in place by the end of April 2018. Throughout January and into February, the electrical grid in the ceiling of the main exhibit room was installed. The new electrical grid adds lighting and replaces the old knob and wire electrical system. The dry wall work to the ceiling will be completed once temperatures rise above 60 degrees. This current project cost \$160,000.00 and is funded in part by a Kansas State Heritage Trust Fund Grant. This project is expected to meet the closing deadline of May 30, 2018.

The next phase to restore the Temple of Honor Military Museum building is to strengthen the basement wall structure, plaster basement walls, restore accessibility to the front of the building and upgrade the heating and cooling systems. The sidewalks, steps, entry wing walls, column bases, and entry door to the front will be a part of the next restoration phase. NCHS is seeking funds for this estimated \$112,500 project. The board is also seeking volunteers to build a handicap ramp to the southeast of the Military building similar to the one that Chris Holthaus built behind Cornerstone Coffeehaus on Main Street, Seneca. This ramp will provide some accessibility while a study is completed for installing a lift or elevator in the north stairway shaft.

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MUSEUM NEWS UPDATE

The Nemaha CO. Historical Society accepted the resignation of two board members, feted them for their accomplishments and appointed two new board members at the May 8, 2018 Quarterly Meeting. Marlene Geyser resigned from Position 7 since she is moving out-of-the county. DarlAnn S. Rial resigned from Position 4 due to her move out of state. Ilene Enneking was voted into Position 7 and Dr. Jason Showman for Position 4 by a unanimous vote. Ilene accepted appointment as Curator-Archivist of the museums. Dr. Showman will serve as the Pro-Active Fundraising Chair.

The board signed an appreciation card for Rick and Debbie Slater of Wichita, the 2018 Golf Classic fundraisers chairs. Museum tee shirts were mailed with the card. The Slaters have agreed to chair the 2019 Golf Classic, scheduled for April 30. Members of the board signed up to assist with the Garage Sale and Tractor Cruise fundraisers.

The first stage of rehabilitation of the Temple of Honor, or the Military Museum building has been completed, with bills being paid, and forms filed to receive state tax credits. These tax credits will be sold to balance the expenses for this \$160,000.00 project. A new electrical grid replaced the old wiring in the ceiling for the exhibit hall and new lighting added. The lead pipe water line was replaced with a new line to the meter. The water-proofing of the foundation was completed with some additional foundation work.

Existing damaged blocks on the north and south entry stem wall were replaced with CMU blocks and mortar material. The crumbling blocks on the north foundation wall were replaced with concrete and forming material. The military displays were returned to the exhibit hall in time for the Museum Open House on June 9, 2018. This project was partially supported by a Heritage Trust Fund Grant from the Kansas Historical Society.

The board approved of carpenter Dick Miller's recommendation to cover the loose wainscoting in the Military Museum and paint it before the exhibits were returned to their respective places. The board also approved the filing for a second HTF grant to finance the rehabilitation of the front steps and portico as well as reinforcement of the basement walls.

GOLF CLASSIC WINNERS

Provided By Golf Classic Chair Karen Holthaus

In the First Flight, winning \$300 for 1st Place was Duane Burdick of Heritage Real Estate, winning \$200 for 2nd Place was Larry Burdick of Burdick Farm & winning \$100 for 3rd Place was Ross Plumberg of Nemaha CO. Coop.

Second Flight winners of \$300 for 1st Place was Michael Ohlsen of Right of Way, winning \$200 for 2nd Place was Jean Deters of Kickin It and winning \$100 for 3rd Place was Al Peaser of SKF.

Lori Burdick won 1 Doz. Balls for the Longest Putt, Drew Olberding won 1 Doz. Pro V 1's for Closest to Pin, Bryant Blank won 1 Doz. Pro V 1's for Longest Drive for a man and Aurea Schmitz won 1 Doz. Pro V 1'S for Longest Drive for a woman.

Duane Burdick paid \$250 for the Crestview Country Club prize and Kent Burdick paid \$240 for the Firekeeper Golf Course prize.

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9th ANNUAL TRACTOR CRUISE

JULY 28, 2018

By Richard Schmitz

This year the route will travel through the southeast part of Nemaha County, starting with registration and photos being taken between 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. at USC, LLC at 2320 124th Rd (located at junction of W & 120th Rds. 4 miles south of 36 Hwy). We will head South on W Rd. to 40th Rd., then East on 40th into Wetmore, turn South on Iowa St. & continue to 2nd St. where we will park the tractors for lunch. Additionally, while parked, each participant will be able to tour the Robert (Bob) Carson museum buildings. Lunch will be served at the American Legion building on 2nd St.. After lunch, at 1:30 p.m., we will travel South on Kansas Ave., cross Hwy. 9, to 28th Rd. & travel West to Bancroft, where we will tour the railroad depot & park. At approximately 2:30 p.m., we will depart, traveling North on S Rd., cross Hwy. 9, & continue to 96th Rd. We will travel East to W Rd. & then North completing our cruise back to U.S.C., L.L.C. For more information & a registration form, please contact Richard Schmitz either at his home: 785-336-6596, or cell: 785-336-1016. Tractor Cruise info is also available: e-mail museum at nchs@rainbowtel.net, call museum at 785-336-6366 or use the website: www.nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com

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Dr. Elmer E. Hinton

by Eileen Porter

Elmer E. Hinton was born on May 12, 1912 at Hamlin in Brown County, KS. to father James D. Hinton b.1875 d.1941 and mother Lula Alberta Hinton b.1885 d.1956. He graduated from the University of Kansas Medical School, specializing in internal medicine and served as a medical officer aboard the U.S.S. Lampson during W.W. II from 1942 to 1946. Upon leaving the military, Dr. Elmer Hinton served as a staff physician at the New England Deaconess Baptist Hospital and the Veteran's Hospital in Brockton, MA. before becoming Chief of Medicine and President of the Staff at the Cambridge City Hospital.

The Elmer E. Hinton Award was established in his memory at New England Deaconess Hospital for Outstanding Physician-Patient Relationships, which is still being awarded annually to a First Year Medical Resident in Internal Medicine.

While attending medical school, Dr. Hinton met Eleanor Edith Reed of rural Bancroft who had transferred from the Kansas State Agriculture College to attend nursing school at the University of Kansas. They married during W.W. II, while he served in the U.S. Navy aboard ship, where she worked as a nurse. After the war, they moved to Boston, MA., where the reputation of Dr. Hinton established himself as a distinguished physician becoming one of the first doctors to undertake the exhaustive studies required to become a Diplomate of the American Board on Internal Medicine.

My Aunt Eleanor was the third child of Thomas L. and Helen Morse Reed of rural Bancroft. My Grandfather Tom was the youngest of the 11 children of Peter and Sarah Reed, who moved from Kentucky and established a farm home near Bancroft in the 1870's. Peter's father, George Workman Reed, later moved to this area as well. Those three generations of Reeds are buried in the Soldier Cemetery.

But I digress, Uncle Elmer was a medical doctor day in and out. He was one of the few physicians in Boston who continued to make house calls to his older patients well after it was deemed inefficient to do so. Efficiency was not as important to him as spending time with the people who had entrusted their care to him. When he could break away from his duties as a physician and medical administrator, he took trips, but he was never on vacation from his profession. Every other year, or so, he was able to join Aunt Eleanor on a cross-country journey from Boston to eastern Kansas to visit family. He never got in his car without his medical bag, which he first used during medical school at K.U. Although I have no first-hand knowledge that he needed to use it while visiting in the Bancroft area and Hiawatha where he had sisters living, I am confident that friends and neighbors were well aware that there was a "doctor in the house"....the Reed's house, that is, in rural Bancroft and the Hinton home in Hiawatha. Uncle Elmer's medical bag was a fixture in the Reed's home whenever he was present. Now, due to the gracious support of the Board of the Bancroft Depot Museum, it is on display just a few miles down the road from where the old Reed home once stood.

To get to the Bancroft Depot Museum take K-9 west of Goff, KS. to K-62 then south on it for 3 miles to 24th Rd. then turn left, or east and continue driving to the intersection of 24th Rd. & 'S' Rd. where the museum sits on the southeast corner. As reported in the last Pioneer Press, the opening day this summer will not be until after the annual picnic on June 24. At that time, they will have a better idea on what volunteers will be available to man the depot museum. Appointments can always be made by calling 785-866-5288, or Rodney Brown at 785-851-9530, or even e-mailing him at Brown-

Highway 36 Treasure Hunt

Nemaha County Historical Society is participating in the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt on September 14-15. We are now accepting donations. You can drop off your donations at the museum each Tuesday from 9:00am-4:00pm or call 336-2680 or 785-556-4094.

Tractor Show (continued from Tractor Cruise on page 1)

There will be a Tractor Show on Sunday, July 29, at the Seneca City Park. Prizes will be awarded. The Tractor Show is in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Seneca Car Show. For more information and pre-entries, contact Seneca Area Chamber/SDI at 785-336-1313 or senecaimpact@gmail.com.

Continuation of THE BERN GAZETTE

April 14 – Aug. 4, 1905 By Editor Fred W. Lehman
Apr. 28, 1905 Mrs. PERKINS returned to her home in Sabetha after visiting with relatives.

Miss Mary HEROLD visiting relatives in Topeka.

Mrs. Henry ROBBING and Gertie BUNTE went to Beatrice to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. John Weyer returned from Centralia after a visit with her parents M/M Chas. PORR, north of here.

Mr. TABLER and daughter of Hiawatha, spending the week at the home of J.H. HUFFMAN. Mr. TABLER is a brother-in-law of Mrs. HUFFMAN.

#Deer Creek Valley

George and Edwin YOUNG, of Johnson, Nebr., visited their uncle, Wm. GEWECHE.

#Dist. No. 84

Mrs. Morton visited her father, Jude SMITH.

May 5, 1905

M/M Mack FLOTT Monday May 1st a boy.

Henry HARTMAN of Sabetha visited his son, John.

Orville ATWOOD went to Everest, Kansas to look after his mother's property there.

Mrs. E. STARR who spent the winter with her daughter in Akron, Ohio, returned home Monday.

Mrs. SCHULLER of St. Joseph is visiting her sister Mrs. Fred REUBESAM.

Bert and Ed NEIBARGER moved to Kelly this week where they will work on a farm they have rented for the season.

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Bern Gazette Continued from page 2

Dr. C. M. FISHER sold out this week to Dr. Clement RUCKER of Steinauer, Nebr., who took possession Monday. Dr. RUCKER has just finished a course in the St. Joseph Medical College and comes highly recommended. He is a thoroughbred German, having come from Germany. Dr. Fisher left yesterday for western Kansas and Colorado to look at his land out there. Bert CONRAD visited his brother George, in Bern. Mrs. Louise STEINER went to Berwick to visit her daughter, Mrs. ABERLE. Dr. FISHER left yesterday for western Kansas and Colorado to look at his land out there.

#Dist. No. 84

Miss Sarah KRAINBILL is visiting relatives in Nebraska. Martha FELDMAN is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. FLOTT. John HEMERICH of Horton, visited Sunday with his sister, Mrs. LORENTZ.

May 12, 1905

M/M Christ HEINIGER returned from Morton, Ill., after visiting relatives. Born Geo KENNEDY and wife Sunday, May 8, a girl. Mrs. BESTWICK of Sabetha visited her sister, Mrs. HILT. Mrs. Sam BURGETT and two children returned from a visit with relatives at Whiting, Kansas. Miss Emma BELSLEY of Morton, Ill., for a visit among relatives. Mrs. SHERDENBERGER and children of Oregon, Missouri is visiting home of her brother, Rev. H. E. BOWER. Mrs. Maude JENKINS accompanied V. B. FISHER from Seneca Monday and spent the day with her brother, Dr. E. S. MARVIN. Dan SNYDER received a visit from his parents, M/M David SNYDER of Okla. They came to visit Mr. SNYDER's brother who was seriously ill. Mrs. Fred HARTMAN, who now resides in Axtell, visiting relatives. Mrs. A. SCHOBBER and children of Powhattan, came Sunday to spend time with her brother, Jacob and family.

#Nemaha Valley Items

Mrs. Wm. GREGG and niece, Miss Martha LITTLE, of Lincoln, Nebr., are visiting their cousins, Mrs. Geo. WHITE and Mrs. Tom GELLATLY.

#Deer Creek Valley

Clarence MORTON and wife are parents of a baby girl.

MAY 19, 1905

Mrs. NUTT left for an indefinite visit among her sons at her old home in Wilmington, Ill. We learn from a Belleville paper that E. E. MITCHELL, brother of Mrs. J. A. BATEY, was elected Supt. of the schools. O. R. JONES and wife who have lived in the Old Halluett building for a couple of months, left for California, where they intend to reside. B. J. PFLADDER and family, Mrs. David MOSELMAN and Miss Lizzie JACOB all of Morton, Ill. Came last Wed. They will visit with Jacob SCHLUPP and family. Mrs. L. WARDLOW and daughter, Francis, arrived here from Hillsdale, Mich., to visit S. C. NEFF's and other Bern families. Mrs. WARDLOW was once a resident here. Mr. FLUKE has gone south to look for a location and Mrs. FLUKE and daughter will spend time with relatives in Astoria, Ill. until a desirable place is found to reside. Rev. M. L. LAYBOURN to the Presbyterian church in Marysville, Kansas. Leslie KINYON's fifth birthday was celebrated Tuesday afternoon. About a dozen families of the POPPE relatives gathered at the home of Fred POPPE Sunday to help celebrate his 58th birthday. Clarence MORTON and wife are parents of a baby girl.

May 26, 1905

Mrs. J. SCHOBBER and children spent a week with her parents in Sabetha. Mrs. Fred SUTTER returned Tuesday after a few days at her old home in Thayer, Nebr. Miss Caroline REINHART came from Pawnee City to visit her home folks. Frank ANDREWS went to Chicago to meet his father, who returned with him to make his home here. Elmer WRIGHT left for his home in Loveland, after several weeks among relatives here. Mrs. Maude PERKINS from Sabetha to visit her parents, M/M Thomas FREED. Mrs. F.N. JOHNSON stopped here on her way home from DuBois to Harperville, Ks., to spend time with her friend Miss Lizzie KOESTER. Mrs. HOLDEN and Mrs. W.R. GUILD and Helen went to Topeka Tuesday. Mrs. HOLDEN will spend the summer there with her daughter Mrs. EVANS. Rev. John RASSI, Sam GETZ and wife, M/M/ David KIESER and daughter, Lizzie and Mary KEISER of Morton, Ill, and Mrs. SCHUTER, of Fremont, Ill. came last week to visit relatives and friends east of Bern.

#Dist. No. 84

Mr. E. D. MORRIS's brother and sister of near Salem, spent Sunday at his home. Mrs. ATWOOD and daughter, Emma, came from Garnett first of week and Thursday went to Seneca where Miss Emma was married to Mr. Geo GUTZMAN at the courthouse by Probate Judge SIMON. M/M GUTZMAN will live on a farm owned by the groom, near Humboldt.

June 5, 1905

E. B. MOORE went to Fairbury last Friday to meet Mrs. MOORE's mother Mrs. WOOTEN, who came from Denver, COLO., to spend the summer with them. Dr. RUCKER spent Monday with his parents in Steinauer. Born: M/M/ Ed BRIEN, Monday, May 29, a girl. Lela NUSBAUM accompanied Mrs. SCOTT to Pawnee Wednesday and from there to Wymore to spend time visiting her grandparents, M/M Amos CUSTARD.

#Dist. #84

Willie HILT spent this week with his sister, Mrs. Frank LEHMAN.

Miss Cordelia SPRING visited her sister, Mrs. A. LORTSCHER.

#Deer Creek Valley

Mrs. Thomas GENSLER's brother and father, from Seneca, visited at her home this week. Mrs. TARR went to Lincoln, Nebr., to visit her daughter, Mrs. SMITH.

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**WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
PART XV**

In the Kansas Constitution drawn up at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention held in July 1859, the preamble is followed by the Bill of Rights. With the exception of an individual provision to Section 6, a few transpositions & changes in the phraseology, the 19 provisions of the Bill of Rights are, section for section, modeled upon the Ohio Constitution precedent. It is evident that the Ohio Constitution of 1851, adopted as a common basis for action, was closely adhered to in cases where its provisions were adapted to conditions in Kansas. When those conditions could not be met by the Ohio document, our founding Kansas fathers used parts of the constitutions from these other states: Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, California, Maine, Minnesota, Vermont, Pennsylvania & Oregon to meet their purpose.

NEMAHA COUNTY CHURCH ARCHITECTURE



SENECA FIRST METHODIST

Built for \$9,000.00, this Gothic Revival Style church building sitting at the southwest corner of Main & Seventh Streets in Seneca was dedicated by Bishop Thomas BOWMAN May 18, 1893. Rev. Edwin R. BROWN was the pastor at that time with these following members of the board: J.N. WILSON, George R. BENEDICT, David R. MAGILL, Henry EICHENLAUB, George A. MARVIN, Thomas BENNETT, Sr. & J. H. WALTERS.

FIRST NEMAHA COUNTY PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS By Greg Newlin

Dr. S. W. Brooke according to the Seneca Courier was a physician in Sabetha in 1872. Each week at that time, the Courier carried a section of Sabetha news.

Dr. George Ebeneazer Irwin, was the second doctor in Sabetha, who was the grandfather of Sabetha natives Irwin and Hugh Hook. He came to Kansas from Illinois in 1858 and practiced medicine in Brown and Nemaha Counties for 36 years. He made calls from as far east as St. Joseph and as far west as Marysville.

Dr. Emily Brooke Slossen was born in the Nebraska Territory at Salem in 1851. Her father, Dr. John Brooke, was a physician, surgeon and druggist. After medical school, she married Samuel Slossen in 1875 and started her practice of medicine at Albany and Sabetha which continued over a 60 year span until her death in 1938.

Dr. E. T. Geoghegan came to Sabetha at the request of Dr. George Irwin, joining his practice in 1885. He married Maggie Place in Albany and their residence was one block south of Austin's Blacksmith Shop. Later they moved to Los Angeles.

Dr. J. L. Thompson was born 1849 in Indiana and educated at the State Normal School in Broomfield, Indiana. In 1869, Dr. Thompson began his medical career in Kansas at Capioma where he married Nancy Magill, then later moved to Sabetha in 1881.

Dr. George C. Irwin, nephew of Dr. George E. Irwin, was educated in Illinois and came to Sabetha before 1881.

Dr. Charles F. Brooks originally occupied the office in the Red Front Store in 1883. Then after establishing a residence on Sabetha's West Main Street, he took a new office space above the Sherwood Drug Store.

Dr. B. F. Herring in the 1880's established an office for his Sabetha practice in the center of the northside of the 1000 block of Main Street, which about 100 years later would have been the location of the Sabetha Clinic.

Born in Ohio in 1841, **Dr. Oliver J. Lyons** graduated from Cincinnati, Ohio's Pulte Medical College in 1874 and became after moving to Sabetha the only homeopathist there. The office he established was also in his residence in the Masheter's addition on West Main Street. Although it was known that his practice in Sabetha spanned from 1889 to 1903, it is believed that it could have gone beyond that. His medical bag is on display at the Albany Museum north of Sabetha.

Born in Indiana in 1869, **Dr. James B. Roberts** received his diploma from the Electric Medical University in 1901 and practiced for a short time in Sabetha.

Dr. Willard Haynes was born in 1852 in Massachusetts and graduated from the New York University of Medicine in 1881. With an office established over the Sherwood Drug Store, he came to Sabetha in 1884 and practiced there for forty years. His son Arthur born there in 1892 became a doctor and practiced in Sabetha as well. Dr. Willard Haynes died in 1922 and his son Arthur died in 1962 and both are buried in the Sabetha City Cemetery. Arthur married Ruth Inez Minger, who was born at Bern, KS. in 1892.

Born 1861 at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, **Dr. Albert Ross** graduated from the Medical Department at the University of Nebraska in 1896 and came to Sabetha in that same year establishing his office in his residence. The sign board that once hung over his office door is on display at the Albany Museum. The Spring of 1896 was a crucial time of the year for Sabetha as well as northern Nemaha County because of a massive tornado that had not only destroyed much of Seneca but Oneida, Berwick and Sabetha too. Dr. Ross was the mayor of Sabetha from 1914 to 1917 and also a talented musician and directed the Sabetha Civic Band for a number of years. In addition to his musical talent, he grew and cultivated beautiful and unusual flowers, and for many years the Tulip Tree he planted on his property was not only Sabetha's first but largest as it prospered well into the 1970's. His first wife died in 1932, and in 1935 he married Mrs. Lavina Lanning, the widow of John Lanning. Dr. Ross died in 1940 and neither he or his first wife are buried in Nemaha CO.

Dr. Harry Redding was born in 1872 in New Hampshire and he graduated from the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis in 1888 and came to Sabetha in 1896, where in addition to his medical profession he served as a city councilman at a time in that city's history when electric lights were turned on for the first time in 1901. His office at the southeast corner of Main & Washington was over the National Bank.

Born in Canada, **Dr. William Bobo** was born in 1857. he practiced medicine at Woodlawn before moving into Sabetha, establishing an office at the northeast corner of 11th & Main Streets. He died in 1926 at Kansas City.

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Continuation of Physicians

Dr. Charles H. Wallace received his medical education at Bellevue Hospital Medical College at New York City in 1883. He was a railroad surgeon at St. Joseph, Missouri. In 1904, after the hospital was built in Sabetha, he served as one of the directors and a surgeon with Dr. Samuel Murdock, Sr. and Dr. Samuel Murdock, Jr.

Born in the state of Ohio in 1866, **Dr. Henry Jackson Deaver's** father came to Kansas where he owned a farm in 1886 and was also a blacksmith. Before his graduation in 1892 from Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio he had taught school for four years in Brown CO., KS. Following his medical school graduation he came straight to Sabetha to begin practicing medicine in 1892, but he was also known to have served the communities of Goff and Fairview, returning to Sabetha full-time in 1918 where he also was the Boy Scout Band until his death in 1939.

Born in 1841 in Indiana, **Dr. Samuel Murdock, Sr.** graduated from the Physicians & Surgeons College of Medicine in Keokuk, Iowa. He enlisted in Company I of the 47th Illinois infantry in 1861 and served two years in the Union Army. He married Martha Green at Monticello, Missouri in 1871 then they moved to Oneida in 1883 and practiced there until 1905, when he came to Sabetha. Dr. Murdock was one of the organizers of the Nemaha County Medical Society and when the Sabetha Hospital was built in 1904, he became a consulting surgeon. He died in 1930 and is buried with his wife in the Sabetha City Cemetery.

Born in 1883 at Hiawatha, KS., **Dr. William Roy Dillingham** graduated from the University College of Medicine in Kansas City, KS., in 1908. He practiced in Sabetha from 1908 until World War I, when he became a Captain in the Medical Corps at Fort Douglas, Utah where he gave the eye and ear examination for the soldiers. After the war, he practiced medicine at Halstead, KS. for an unknown length of time before his death in 1943.

Dr. Samuel Murdock, Jr., the son of Samuel Murdock, Sr., was born in 1872 a Kahoka, Missouri in the far northeastern corner of that state and he was 11 years old when he made the move to Oneida with his parents. He attended and graduated from Oneida schools before his admission at Topeka's Washburn University and later to Baker University at Baldwin, KS. His medical studies took place at Rush Medical College in Chicago, and then later he graduated from the Kansas City, Missouri Medical and Surgical College in 1890. In 1894, he married Flora Fitchen of Tipton in Central Missouri, who was an accomplished musician, having studied in Vienna. He began his practice alongside his father at Oneida and remained there until 1903, when they came to Sabetha. At a later date, his parents gave the Dr. Samuel Murdock, Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund to the University of Kansas Medical School. Dr. Murdock, Jr. had attended clinics in Berlin, Germany; Vienna, Austria & Berne, Switzerland. He was the founder of the Sabetha Hospital. Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Murdock, Jr. are buried in the Sabetha City Cemetery.

Son of Dr. Willard Haynes, **Dr. Arthur Haynes** born Nov. 18, 1892 at Sabetha was a graduate of Sabetha High School in 1910, attending the University of Kansas at Lawrence and Washington Medical School in St. Louis, MO., where he also was in the same graduating class as Frederick Wrightman in 1917. Arthur interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO. Married on Dec. 27, 1916 to Bern, KS. native Ruth Inez Minger, b. Sep. 17, 1892 d. Aug. 20, 1957, daughter of Frederick George & Mary Susan Rickard Minger. In 1917, Arthur served during World War I in the Medical Corps. He died at Sabetha in 1962 and he and his wife are buried in the Sabetha City Cemetery.

Born 1866 in Illinois, **Dr. William Carlyle** graduated in 1893 from that state's Rush Medical College, which became a part of Northwestern University's School of Medicine and in ten years came to Sabetha in 1903 where for many years he was associated with Dr. Samuel Murdock, Jr. at the Sabetha Hospital. In 1917, he was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant and sent to Ft. Riley. After World War I, Dr. Carlyle settled in Los Angeles, California. Upon his death in 1945, his body was brought back to Kansas to be buried in the Sabetha City Cemetery.

Dr. Cecil Toole was in Sabetha around 1908 and established an office in the Welch Building before moving his practice to Highland, KS. Born in 1873 at Missouri, **Dr. J.R. Heryford** received his medical degree from Ensworth Medical College at St. Joseph, Missouri, in obstetrics. It was during the years of W.W. I that he practiced medicine in Sabetha before moving to Highland in Doniphan CO., then later to Fairview in Brown CO. He died in 1963.

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NEMAHA COUNTY COOPERATIVE CREAMERY PART V

Compiled By Greg Newlin

On Page 6 of Part IV, the Maintenance Dept. Superintendent's name should have read Jim Reel and the Office Manager's first name is Gene and not George. The following employees served in the office: Claire Sperling, Alma Grace Worwag, Betty Hartman, Mary Helen Hartter, Maxine Sawyer, Beulah McDonald, Louise Aberle and Alva Roberts.



Alva or Mrs. George R.T. Roberts had witnessed the growth of the Association from a struggling infant to its eventual success covering 30 years. Because of this, she had the distinction of being the only employee who had been with the Association continually since its inception. She began as the only person in the office and handled all of the office work herself.

Her father was John C. Lanning, who initially along with Arthur J. Collins, Glen Sewell and Ralph Ternal were instrumental in the establishment of the Nemaha County Cooperative Creamery.

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Historical Society Launches Go Fund Me Campaign



The Nemaha County Historical Society is undertaking a project to establish a Military Museum to honor and preserve the memory of the men and women who have so courageously served our country. A 100+ year old building is already being restored, however our resources are rapidly being utilized. Donations are requested to continue this ambitious project. Seneca is a community of less than 2000 residents with a proud tradition of veterans who have served from the Civil War until now. Donations will be

used exclusively for the Military Museum restoration project. Additional exterior and interior renovations remain to be done, along with extensive HVAC requirements. We would greatly appreciate any donations that could be made to help complete this worthwhile project.

Go to

<https://www.gofundme.com/military-museum-restoration>

Amazon Smile

The Nemaha County Historical Society was recently approved by Amazon to receive donations from Amazon based on shoppers using our link. If you order items from Amazon, please consider using the link below and help us earn funds to support the museum.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0871820>



Announcements

Annual Golf Classic — April 27, 2019 (Rain date April 28, 2019)

Community Day at the Museums — June 8, 2019

Renew Your Membership — Jan 2019

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MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU!

For supporting Community National Bank's Community Day in the Park.



VETERANS DAY



This year, students from Kelly Williams' government class prepared articles for a display at Nemaha Central Elementary Middle School for their Veterans Day activities.

The following students worked on this project: Riley Bontrager, Abby Yunghans, Austin Gerety, Matthew Baumgartner, Hunter Steinlage, Garrett Randel and Hunter Lierz.



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TIDBIT OF HISTORY

100 Years Ago

Kelly News

This week the United War Work Campaign is on. Every one must get ready. Let us show that we stay with the boys until they come marching home.

When the news that the armistice was signed, everyone was filled with joy, every flag was brought out and every gun was emptied; all the bells were rung. It meant the Peace that we have all been longing for.

Centralia News

Word comes to Centralia friends from his parents in Downs that Raymond Crum was severely wounded and captured by the Germans. Will Searing, Ira Bonjour, Albert and Ray Spicer, Frank Green and Evan Tietz are among the reported wounded.

Word came to Wm Green last Wednesday that this son, Bryan was killed in action September 27. Mr Green has two other sons in France now, James Green and Frank Green. Frank and Byran were volunteers early in the war and went across in May.

Centralia celebrated all day Monday. The celebration began with the blowing of the whistles and ringing of bells when the news of the signing of the armistice came in the morning. In the afternoon a program of speeches and singing and band music was carried out. ... There was a party in the

The War Is Over

The Germans have signed the armistice and fighting is over. Now don't sit down and think you have done your share. Remember your boys and friends are Over There. Time drags on their hands now. They want to come home and see the folks again. Of Course this takes time. Why not have your photo taken at the Strathman Studio and send it to him. It will make him feel a lot better. He has done his share; now you do yours in making him contented till he comes home, by sending him your photo and

Celebrated in Grand Style

Monday morning at five o'clock the steam whistle at the Seneca Electric Light Plant aroused from slumber the people of this city, announcing the signing of the armistice that suspends hostilities until the decision of the peace congress is made. Fred Porter, night operator at the depot, received the first message shortly after two-o'clock but it was not until five that he thought the news sufficiently confirmed to give it out publicly, the town prematurely celebrating in line with the large cities of the country, last Thursday evening. Bells began to ring early in the morning and a collection was taken for the benefit of the ringers, kept them ringing all day until six in the evening. There being no school, the boys of the town conceived the plan of decorating each vehicle with the Stars and Stripes. They purchased stocks of all the merchants and held up every conveyance without a flag, allowing them to pass only with the colors flying. A committee of business men decided to close up shop at noon and join the celebrators and they kept closed all afternoon. At two o'clock there was a parade led by the Seneca Concert Band, Seneca Fire Department; decorated autos and other vehicles in line. Major J. H. M Williams of the State Guards drove his new Wallis Tractor drawing the old bus filled with small boys. The "Kaiser" in effigy was dragged through the streets and finally burned in a bonfire.

The parade stopped in front of the bandstand. Charles H. Herold introduced the Rev. Father Wasinger, pastor of St. Augustine's church at Fidelity who gave a brief eloquent patriotic address.

The hilarity increased in the evening and prominent citizens were given free rides on the shoulders of the State Guards. In bearing aloft Postmaster McCliman, they were forced to call for re-inforcements.

Five minute talks were given by prominent local war workers at the City Hall and the Victory Girls and Sts. Peter and Paul's Parochial school girls, furnished music.

The Courier Democrat (Seneca, Kansas), Thursday, November 14, 1918. pages 3 and 6

MUSEUM HIGHLIGHT

Civil War Items Received

Over the summer, the museum received a donation of Civil War era artifacts and letters that belonged to David H. Ferguson (1839-1930).

David Ferguson lived in Seneca from 1908 until his death. He operated the feed mill.

Most of the letters are correspondence with Col. John Fonda regarding war time memories. Col. Fonda was writing a history of the 118th Illinois Volunteer Infantry in which David Ferguson served.



Eagle Scout Project

Jonathan Stallbaumer is working on an Eagle Scout project to create a new outdoor display area for farm implements.



OCTOBER QUARTERLY MEETING

Following a light dinner at 5:00PM, President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Anita Heiman, Raymond Thieme, Alma Ackerman, Robert Ackerman, Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus, Ilene Enneking, Joyce Olberding, Jason Showman, and Patty Byers. Director Diane Rottinghaus was also in attendance.

Secretary Report

Patty submitted the minutes from the August 14, 2018 Quarterly Meeting, the Called Board meeting of August 28, 2018, the Called Board meeting of September 25, 2018, and the Called Board meeting of October 16, 2018. Minutes from each meeting had been previously emailed to each board member. Robert moved and Karen seconded the motion to approve each of the minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Raymond presented the Financial Report for the third quarter. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$60,068.37. Income for the third quarter was \$106,004.28. Expenses for the third quarter were \$129,111.41. Ending balance was \$22,229.69. NCHS investments include the "general fund cd" in the amount of \$5,000, as well as the Temple land sale cd in the amount of \$10,000. In addition, the Dorothy Pearl Murphy investment with Edward Jones currently totals \$15,043.00. Also, NCHS earns interest only from the \$40,000 burger Trust Funds. Restricted matching grant funds for the HTF grant total \$30,000. Patty moved and Alma seconded the motion to accept the Financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

President:

Anita thanked the group for getting things done around both the jail and sheriff's residence and the Military Museum.

Grants:

Cathy submitted grants in August to Katrina at the HTF grant fund. She is the one who makes suggestions on grant applications. Cathy has not yet heard back from Katrina but will get in touch with her within the week. Cathy asked board members for letters of recommendation for the Temple of Honor which will be submitted with the HTF grant.

Curator:

Ilene announced that the Veterans' Day Open House at the Military Museum will be November 11, 2018 from 11AM-3:00PM. She also advised that high school students are using some of our military materials for their display for their Veterans' Day presentation at the school. She told board members that she is gathering pictures of Nemaha County fallen soldiers which will be displayed at the Military Museum. Ilene also informed the board that Suther Building Supply donated the materials and Regis Feldkamp volunteered to build the new book cases at the Military Museum. Ilene also told the board that she wants to purchase the kitchen cabinet located at the Military Museum for \$50. There was no objection.

OCTOBER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING cont'd

Fundraising:

Jason announced that he would like to open a Go Fund Me account for improvements to the Military Museum. His suggested goal is \$250,000. The Go Fund Me account will be posted on Facebook, and if everyone Likes and Shares the page we will have much greater exposure. Bob moved and Raymond seconded the motion to accept Jason's efforts to set up a fundraising account through Go Fund Me. Motion passed unanimously.

Accessions:

Karen reported that there have been lots of donations to be accessed this quarter. She noted that now the difficulty is deciding which donations to accept.

Miscellaneous:

Raymond announced that the new laminator was paid for by a donation. He also said the City of Seneca has turned off the water in the Temple building. Also, new American flags have been installed at both the sheriff's residence and the Military Museum. American flags are available through Eisenbarth Plumbing for \$12.

Tours:

Diane reported that she has had more tours this year than ever before. Many tourists are from long distances and all are amazed at what we have. Diane has been available for tours on Tuesdays and also by appointment. She is working with Kelly Williams at NC High School and his students who are developing a project for Veterans' Day.

Membership:

Almas reported that we currently have 49 "email" members and 50 "print" members, with 15 complimentary members. She also reported that during September & October, we have reached 958 people through Facebook, with 272 followers.

Maintenance:

Robert explained that the concrete for the Eagle Scout project was poured on Saturday. The concrete truck broke the drain line, but they will fix it. He also suggested that since we have a highway sign already, we might be able to use the sign outside of Annex I. For other maintenance remarks, please see the attached sheet.

Memorials:

Joyce reported no new memorials, but announced that in recognition of Robert Ackerman's contributions to the Military Museum, his name will be inscribed on a plate for the Friends of the Temple of Honor plaque.

Travel and Tourism:

Patty let everyone know that NCHS has been reimbursed for advertising of the Golf Tournament and Tractor Cruise.

Research and Newsletter:

Marcia submitted a report saying that she has been working on finding those Nemaha County residents who were killed while serving in the military. Those names will be used in a memorial at the Military Museum. She has also been working on how Nemaha County has affected the major wars.

Bancroft:

Patty received an email from Rodney Brown saying that there are no new developments.

Old Business

Tractor Cruise:

Chairman Richard Schmitz has asked that a donation to the Bancroft Museum be made since the Tractor Cruise route this year included a stop at the Bancroft Museum. Alma moved and Ilene seconded the motion to notify Bancroft officers that NCHS will pay their insurance premium in lieu of a cash donation. Motion passed unanimously. Anita will contact Bancroft and let them know.

Boy Scout Project:

Raymond will now be in charge of the museum's portion of the project since Ackerman's will be in Texas. A question as to who pays for the concrete pad was raised, but no answer was given.

Community Day at the Park:

Karen reported that the day was successful, and that we used 6 gallons of ice cream for root beer floats. Community Bank donated \$2000 to NCHS from the event.

Highway 36 Garage Sale:

Alma reported that the Highway 36 Garage Sale was quite successful and recommended that we participate again next year.

New Business

2019 Seneca Day at the Museum:

Patty reported that Kylee Luckeroth would like to hold Seneca Day at the Museum on June 8, 2019. The board was in agreement that we should participate.

STEP:

A STEP representative stopped in. She will return to talk about investments at our first quarterly meeting in 2019.

Election of Directors:

Nominating Committee members are Cathy Holthaus, Ilene Enneking, and Patty Byers.

Horseshoe Counter and Soda Fountain Agreement:

Cathy told us that the agreement is between Duryea's and NCHS. Anita will get the agreement signed.

Amazon Smile:

Alma brought up the Amazon Smiles program that could help NCHS gain donations from Amazon purchases. After discussion, it was decided that NCHS could open a charge account with a very low credit limit so donations could be made into that specific account. Raymond was going to check into it.

Consortium:

Anita reported that the Museum consortium is now meeting regularly and towns are pleased with the progress.

Adjournment

Submitted by Patty Byers, Secretary

2018 GOLD BUSINSS MEMBERS

Ackerman Lock & Key	Lauer Love Funeral Home	SBS Insurance
AHRS	Life Care of Seneca	Schmitz Drive Thru Liquor & Deli
American Legion	Medical Arts Pharmacy	Seneca Dental Practice
Benskin Motors	Midwest Crop Insurance	Seneca Realty
Cornerstone Coffeehaus Suites	Nemaha County Co-Op Association	Seneca Variety
Courier Tribune	Nemaha Valley Community	Shopko
Durland Auto Parts	Hospital	Seneca Wholesale
Eisenbarth Plumbing	Nemaha Valley Motors	State Bank of Bern
Elk State Bank	Netawaka Fitness center	SureCrop Fertilizer
Nemaha County Farm Bureau	William O'Keefe Law Offices	Suther Building supply
First Heritage Bank	Ohlson Rightaway & Maintenance	United Bank & Trust
Garret's Country Mart	Picture This	VFW
Heartland Chiropractic	Prairie Band Casino	Young Backhoe & Trenching
Helena Ag Enterprises LLC	Rainbow Communications	
Heritage Real Estate	Ray's Apple Market	
Koch & Company	S&S Automotive	

2018 SILVER BUSINSS MEMBERS

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